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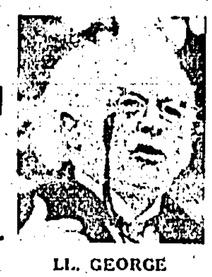
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NAZIS MAY QUIT NARVIK

"NO LONGER OF IMPORTANCE"

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

GOTHENBURG, May 9 (UP).—The newspaper "Svenska Dagbladet" states that German parachute troops have landed at Bardu, 30 miles north of Narvik, where they were reinforced by German planes taking supplies to Narvik.

The paper also reports that Norwegian police and French Alpine troops have contacted the Germans in minor engagements, and that a major clash is now imminent.

British naval units and bombing planes are still attacking the German positions near Narvik but the general situation remains unchanged.

The "Ririksgraensen" reports that Norwegian troops on Wednesday surprised Germans who were mining railway tunnels south of Bjoernfjuell, on the Swedish border.

Nazis To Clear Out?

AMSTERDAM, May 9 (Reuter).—The German High Command contemplates abandoning Narvik to the Allies, according to the "Algemeen Handelsblads" Berlin correspondent.

This correspondent declares that very well-informed circles in Berlin no longer regard Narvik as a centre of strategic importance.

The High Command is believed to hold the view that Narvik will only remain of value as long as the Allies continue to station ships there which can be attacked by the German air force.

Withdrawal Being Considered

AMSTERDAM, May 9 (Reuter).—The possibility of Hitler considering withdrawal from Norway to a large extent is being discussed here as the result of reports from Berlin.

From the German point of view, it is pointed out, such a move would have advantages as a propaganda move and as a means of saving men and material for other purposes.

It seems hardly possible that the Germans would surrender their air bases in Norway, but it is suggested that they might seek to make some gesture of withdrawal from other points.

There are two indications that some such approach to the Norwegian people may be planned. One is the report that the Germans contemplate abandoning Narvik. The other is an order issued to-day to the German troops in Norway praising Norwegian soldiers, which commentators here compare to the German attempt at the beginning of the war to differentiate between British and French soldiers.

Norwegians Still Fighting

PARIS, May 9 (Reuter).—Professor Koht, the Norwegian Foreign Minister, informed the Press in Paris this afternoon that the Norwegian High Command would in future be represented on the Allied Supreme War Council.

Professor Koht stated that of the Norwegian army which originally consisted of six divisions, one division and part of another were intact in north Norway or making their way northwards.

Many of the remainder had been killed, taken prisoner or interned in Sweden.

Denying rumours that King Haakon had gone to Sweden, he said the King was on Norwegian soil, where he would remain and fight.



Lieut.-Com. J. H. Forbes, captain of the submarine Spearfish, which torpedoed the Nazi pocket battleship Admiral Scheer.

ROOSEVELT TO SPEAK

Likely To Deal With European War

WASHINGTON, May 9 (Reuter).—The subject of President Roosevelt's address to the American Scientific Congress tomorrow night is being kept a close secret at the White House.

It is not questioned that President Roosevelt will deal largely with foreign affairs and it is difficult to see how he can keep off the subject of the European war.

President Roosevelt himself obviously regards the speech has important because he began its composition as early as Tuesday when he cancelled his Press conference on that score.

Moving On Two Fronts

The Washington "Times-Herald" comments that the President is cloaking his diplomatic manoeuvring in the closest secrecy, but veteran observers are convinced that he is charting a sensational course.

The President appears to be moving on two fronts—in the Pacific through the fleet and in Europe through Rome and probably the Vatican.

No Peace Plan Mooted

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

ROME, May 9 (UP).—A report published in the United States that Mussolini has rejected President Roosevelt's offer to attempt some sort of peace effort has been categorically denied by authoritative Italian quarters.

They state that the report is absolutely without foundation because no peace plan has been discussed between Mussolini and the United States Ambassador, Mr. William Philippis.

They add that the conversations between Il Duce and the Ambassador have been most friendly and helpful.

STOCKHOLM, May 9 (Reuter).—The Swedish Press to-day published a chart showing the location of the new minefield laid outside Stockholm harbour.

SOCIALISTS WILLING TO JOIN NATIONAL CABINET IF CHAMBERLAIN GOES

LONDON, MAY 9 (REUTER).—"REUTER'S" PARLIAMENTARY CORRESPONDENT LEARNS THAT TO-DAY'S DEVELOPMENTS, ACCELERATED BY YESTERDAY'S SPEECHES IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS, ARE CONSIDERED TO MAKE THE DEPARTURE OF MR. NEVILLE CHAMBERLAIN ALMOST CERTAIN.

The most likely names from whom the new Premier will be selected are considered late to-night to be Lord Halifax (now Foreign Secretary,) Mr. Winston Churchill (First Lord of the Admiralty and Chairman of the Committee in charge of military operations) and Mr. Lloyd George (Premier in the last World War.)

CHURCHILL FAVOURED

For various reasons, including possible complications arising from the fact that Lord Halifax is a member of the House of Lords, the most likely selection is felt to be Mr. Churchill.

Although decision about Labour participation is a matter for Party conference, it is believed that Labour would serve under Mr. Churchill.

LABOUR'S REBUFF

Mr. C. R. Attlee, the Leader of the Labour Opposition, and Mr. Arthur Greenwood, the Deputy Leader, visited the Prime Minister at 10 Downing Street this evening.

It is understood that at the meeting Mr. Chamberlain asked them whether they were prepared to serve in a reconstructed Government under his leadership.

If not, it is learned, they were asked whether they were prepared to serve under the leadership of another member of the Conservative Party.

"REUTER" LEARNS THAT THE REPLY OF THE LABOUR LEADERS WAS THAT SERVICE UNDER THE PRIME MINISTER WAS IMPOSSIBLE.

THAT IS ALSO THE VIEW HELD BY THE OPPOSITION LIBERAL PARTY.

Whether or not the Labour Party will be prepared to join an All-Party government under other leadership will be finally decided by the Party executive at Bournemouth to-morrow.

WILLING TO RESIGN

The form of the questions put to the Labour leaders is taken as a clear indication that the Prime Minister is now willing to resign if such an action would lead to the formation of a new National Government satisfactory to all parties.

The Rt. Hon. Mr. C. R. Attlee and Mr. Arthur Greenwood (Labour) were 45 minutes with the Prime Minister.

Lord Halifax and Mr. Winston Churchill were present at the interview.

The Prime Minister is not seeing the King to-day.

Nothing further expected to-night.

Press Reaction To Debate

The British press is unanimous that the following two main points have come out of the Debate in the House of Commons:

1.—That the Government must be strengthened.
2.—That the country's war effort must be increased.

The press emphasises that all parties agree that this is the main problem and are discussing how it would be best to put it into effect.

There is less agreement on the best way of strengthening the Government.

The Labour "Daily Herald" says that Mr. Chamberlain must go.

Morally and physically says the paper, he is defeated beyond hope of recovery.

The "News Chronicle" says that it

PLEASE Turn To Page 7.

Rebellion Against Chamberlain

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, May 9 (UP).—About 34 rebel conservative members met in the House of Commons this afternoon, presided over by Mr. Clement Davis.

They all voted against the Government in last night's vote of confidence and this afternoon they decided unanimously that the next Government must be a real National Government.

NAZIS LOSE 4 SHIPS

Fresh Successes By British Submarines

LONDON, May 9 (Reuter).—An Admiralty communique announces that British submarines have had further success in their operations against enemy transports and supply ships.

In an attack on a convoy of ten enemy ships, six torpedoes found their mark. Three hits were made on another convoy and two on a third convoy.

One ship sailing independently was torpedoed and sunk.

Another was driven ashore and was destroyed by gunfire and torpedo.

European Reported Missing

Captain Andre Kella aged 52 of 30 Mody Road, Kowloon was reported missing to the police last night.

When he left home shortly after dinner on Monday night, he told his niece, Miss Sheila Haines, that he was going to his ship. He has not been seen since.

Captain Kella is of medium build with fair hair and grey eyes. He was dressed in a dark tweed suit when he left his home.

WITNESSED DOG-FIGHT

Thrill For Scottish Inhabitants

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, May 9 (UP).—People in the streets of a port in North Scotland to-day witnessed a dogfight between a British fighter and a German plane.

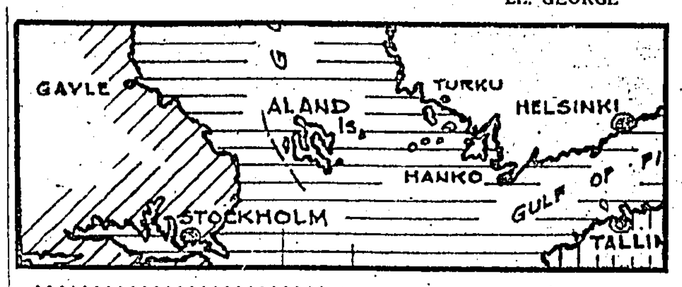
They saw the British plane chasing the German and heard bursts of machinegun fire from both.

The planes disappeared from view after a few minutes.

LETTERS

Answers To Correspondents

REGULAR READER: April 20 1880, fell on a Saturday. September 30, 1889 fell on a Monday. Whit Monday, 1930, fell on June 9.—Ed.



Japan Offers Armaments To Rumania

BUCHAREST, May 9 (Reuter).—It is understood that the Japanese Government has offered to deliver to the Rumanian Government certain armaments, especially anti-tank and anti-aircraft guns.

It appears that these weapons have proved their worth during the Sino-Japanese war.

It is believed that the offer will be accepted, but the contract is awaiting clarification by the Japanese Government with regard to the method of payment.

LL. GEORGE TOLD OFF

Lively Verbal Duel In The Commons

LONDON, May 9 (Reuter).—The House of Commons has adjourned until May 21.

In the course of a number of subjects discussed before the adjournment, Mr. Beverley Baxter, the Conservative M.P., appealed to Mr. Lloyd George to be more helpful to the Administration and not so brilliantly mischievous. He blamed Mr. Lloyd George for the part he played in the complicated situation of the last few years.

Referring to Mr. Lloyd George's press writings, he said he gave the madman Hitler encouragement at every critical moment.

Please Reform, Appeal

Mr. Baxter was of the opinion that Mr. Lloyd George was too big a man to use the foreign press to disparage the Government and asked Mr. Lloyd George whether, even at his age, he would consider reforming.

Mr. Lloyd George, replying, defended his resort to journalism as an occupation.

Replying to other criticisms of Mr. Baxter, Mr. Lloyd George said it was because we did not carry out our undertakings to democratic governments in Germany that Hitler came to power.

Can't Blame Britain

Swedish Paper And Norway Withdrawal

STOCKHOLM, May 9 (Reuter).—The "Social Demokraten," an organ of the Social Democratic Labour Party of Sweden, says that Sweden has no right to reproach Britain.

She was never asked to protect Norway and never undertook to do this until the Germans moved.

The Swedes, continues the paper, who have done nothing for their Norwegian brothers have no moral right to criticise Britain for the failure of her help.

Tribute To Democracy

The paper pays tribute to the British democracy which has allowed such a debate to be held in open session with the whole world listening.

There are weaknesses in such democracy, but democracy will be restored by its own strength.

One certain thing, says the paper, is that Britain will take the war far more earnestly now than before.

BAIT FOR SWEDEN & FINLAND

Soviet Plan For Joint Control Of Aalands

NEW YORK, May 9 (Reuter).—The U.S.S.R. is reported to have proposed to Sweden and Finland pacts similar to those negotiated last year with Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania, according to a "usually reliable source," says the "Christian Science Monitor's" Stockholm correspondent.

The correspondent adds that the proposal is believed to be receiving serious consideration in Stockholm and Helsingfors.

Offer To Finland

It is reported that the Soviet proposals include a plan for joint fortification and defence of the Aaland Islands.

It is further reported that if the proposals are accepted, the U.S.S.R. is willing to restore the Karelian provinces.

The correspondent expresses the opinion that Sweden, faced with the choice between German domination and gravitation towards the U.S.S.R. might choose the latter as the lesser evil.

LATEST

5-YEAR-OLD BOY KILLED

A five-year-old Chinese boy named Lai Fuk was killed yesterday when he was buried beneath a bin containing a large quantity of rock sand at the Kowloon Tsai reservoir.

Lai and three other lads were playing near the reservoir when the bin collapsed and fell on them.

Lai was killed, but his companions were still alive when they were dug out, and they were sent to the Kowloon Hospital for treatment.

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There will be one collection from the pillar boxes as on Sundays and one delivery of registered and ordinary correspondence at 10 a.m.

The Branch Post Offices at Stanley, Tai Po and Un Long will also have one delivery of ordinary correspondence at 11.00 a.m.

The Money Order Office will be entirely closed.

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Canton May 10.
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Friday, May 10

Bangkok 12.30 p.m.
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Saturday, May 11

Saigon, Ceylon, India, East and South Africa, Egypt and Europe Via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 7th June.

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Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, U.S.A., Central and South America and Canada via San Francisco (No Parcels for Canada only)—due San Francisco, 29th May.

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Parcels May 11, Noon.
Reg. May 11, 1.15 p.m.
Ord. May 11, 2 p.m.

Air Mail for "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due London 19th May.

G.P.O. & K.P.O.

Reg., ...May 11, 5 p.m.
Ord., ...May 11, 5.30 p.m.

Sunday, May 12

Canton 7.15 a.m.
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Hongkong, 8th May, 1940.

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NOTICE OF GENERAL MEETING

The Fifty-ninth Ordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held at the Offices of the General Managers, Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., Pedder Street, Hong Kong, on **Thursday, 30th May, 1940, at noon,** for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, passing the Accounts, and electing Directors and Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 23rd May to 13th June inclusive.

By order of the Board.

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General Managers.

Hongkong, 16th April, 1940.

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Notice to Shareholders

The Fifty-Ninth Ordinary Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the undersigned on **Wednesday, the 22nd May, 1940, at Noon,** for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Agents, together with a statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December, 1939.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 8th May to the 22nd May, 1940, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.,
General Agents.

Hongkong, 1st May, 1940.

G. R.

PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Tuesday, the 14th day of May, 1940, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Sham-shuipo, in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 75 years, commencing from 1st July, 1898, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 24 years less the last three days thereof.

Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, ($200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements N.	S.	E.	W.	Contents in sq. feet	Annual Rental	Upset Price
3	New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 2791.	Junction of Yen Chau Street & Un Chau Street, Shamshuipo.	feet	feet	feet	feet as per sale plan.	About 12,830	$ 256	$ 25,760

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No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements N.	S.	E.	W.	Contents in sq. feet	Annual Rental	Upset Price
2	Kowloon Inland Lot No. 4254.	Junction of Tong Mi Road and Arran Street, Mong Kok.	feet	feet	feet	feet As per sale plan.	About 18,970	$ 348	$ 33,198

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G 25151	Kae Shean & Co.	1 Bale Cardboard	11/7/31	—
25268	Kae Shean & Co.	6 Bales Strawboard	9/8/31	—
J 26872	Ching Fong Chong & Co.	79 Bags-Cotton Gloves	24/6/36	—
H 30840	Meezon & Co.	4 Cases Pencils	2/6/37	—
J 27077	Kong Kee & Co., Ltd.	18 Casks Retorts	23/7/36	—
G 62063	Tai Hing	1 Case Cotton Goods	6/1/31	—
J 27054	Tack Wo Kung Kee Dyestuff Co.	2 Casks Dyes	29/9/36	—
27056	Tack Wo Kung Kee Dyestuff Co.	1 Cask Dyes	29/9/36	—
27800	Tack Wo Kung Kee Dyestuff Co.	1 Drum Sod. Sulphate	21/10/36	—
27814	Tack Wo Kung Kee Dyestuff Co.	6 Drums Sod. Sulphate	25/10/36	—
28201	Tack Wo Kung Kee Dyestuff Co.	109 Drums Sulphur Black	27/1/39	—
G 25916	Wing Hong	20 Cases Hosiery Wool	29/10/31	—
26094	Wing Hong	3 Cases Hosiery Wool	4/12/31	—
H 28203	Leung Yui Wing	1 Box Cinema Films	15/4/35	—
28217	Leung Yui Wing	1 Box Cinema Films	24/4/35	—
H 29804	Tam Yui Lin	1 Case Machinery	23/9/36	—
31109	Tung Sing & Co.	3 Cases Rayon Goods	14/7/37	—
31351	Tin Tao & Co.	5 Pkges. Match Machine	21/8/37	—
31599	Tin Tao & Co.	10 Pkges. Match Machine	16/10/37	—
29739	Kwanan Trading Co.	8 Cases Water Bottles	7/8/36	—
F 38022	Canton Trading Assn.	2 Cases Packing	9/3/26	Nederlandsche Handel Maatschappij
G 39459	Canton Trading Assn.	2 Cases Medicines	25/4/32	—
F 45261	Hongkong Import & Export Co.	1 Case Perfumery	22/10/28	—
G 44747	Hongkong Import & Export Co.	1 Case Talcum Powder	9/6/29	—
23874	Toa Trading Co., Canton	2 Cases Gauze	20/9/30	—
25869	Toa Trading Co, Canton	1 Case Printed Matter	22/1/31	Nippon Yusen Kaisha
30687	Yokohama Specie Bank	1 Case Asb. Sheets	9/12/29	—
30688	Yokohama Specie Bank	1 Case Asb. Sheets	9/12/29	—
67978	N. S. Moses & Co., Ltd.	14 Cases Goldstone	4/6/31	—
H 33315	Hirata & Co, Canton	3 Cases Waterproof Cloth	15/3/33	Nippon Yusen Kaisha
46011	Hirata & Co., Canton	7 Cases Fasteners	2/8/37	Nippon Yusen Kaisha
33457	Muller & Phipps, Ltd.	3 Cases Prepared Food	28/3/33	—
35877	Chartered Bank of India	1 Case Disinfectant	11/12/33	—
37864	Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., Agents, "Glen" Line	51 Pkges. Sanitary Ware	21/8/34	Manufacturers Bank of China
40488	Capt. Godinez	1 Case Horse Races	27/6/35	—
42520	Kawamura & Co., Canton	1 Case Instruments	24/2/36	—
42911	Stard & Co., Canton	1 Crate Kettle	29/4/36	Nippon Yusen Kaisha
43373	Central European Trading Co., Canton	3 Bales Woollen Yarn	9/7/36	—
43465	Central European Trading Co., Canton	60 Pkges. Asb. Sheets	21/7/36	—
43775	Central European Trading Co., Canton	4 Cases Band Steel	10/7/36	—
H 43867	Central European Trading Co., Canton	1 Case Machine	12/9/36	—
44222	Central European Trading Co., Canton	1 Case Machine	14/11/36	—
45620	Giko Yoko, Canton	5 Cases Lamp-Cord	27/6/37	Nippon Yusen Kaisha
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G 13255	Hongkong Trading Co.	2 Cases Turpentine	16/4/32	—
H 12223	Wing Cheong & Co.	2 Cases Port Wine	31/12/33	—
13484	Wing Cheong & Co.	2 Cases Vermouth	15/8/34	—
E 14421	J. M. Noronha	2 Drums Rect. Alcohol	4/10/24	—
F 14688	Lammert Bros.	28 Cases Wine	12/1/29	—
14689	Lammert Bros.	26 Cases Wine	12/1/29	—
G 13473	Honwan Trading Co., Canton	1 Case Beer	9/6/32	—
H 11033/6	Ko Chi Cheung	8 Cases Brandy, etc.	16/6/33	—
17904	San Martino Co.	8 Cases Wine	30/5/36	—
H 00102	World Tobacco Co.	6 Cases Cigarettes	30/6/37	—
G 7983	Heung Wah	2 Cases Cigarettes	29/5/36	—
G 8203	Ping Kee	15 Tins Dyes	1/8/36	—
G 4471	Yee Kee On	4 Cases Thermos	4/6/34	—

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12.30 Kitty Masters (Vocal) and Roy Fox and His Orchestra.

1.00 Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.03 Charlie Kunz at the Piano.

1.13 Primo Scala's Accordeon Band.

1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 The Bohemians, Frances Langford and Flanagan and Allen.

2.15 Close Down.

6.00 An Hour of Dance Music.

7.00 Closing Local Stock Quotations.

7.02 Muriel Brunskill (Contralto) and The Scottish Country Dance Orchestra.

7.15 London Relay—"The Voice of the Nazi":—"What the German Hears."

Talk by Professor W. A. Sinclair.

7.30 London Relay—The News.

8.00 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 Short Mozart Programme.

Rondo (from Serenade in D Major "Haffner"), Fritz Kreisler (Violin) with Piano accomp. by Franz Rupp; Overture "Cosi Fan Tutte", The B. B. C. Symphony Orchestra cond. by Sir Adrian Boult.

8.15 Studio—Recital by Gaston D'Aquino (Tenor) with E. O'Neil Shaw at the Piano.

1. (a) Il Mio Tesoro Intanto ("Don Giovanni"—Mozart), (b) So Il Mio Nome ("The Barber of Seville"—Rossini); 2. (a) Morning (Tchaikowsky), (b) Jeanie with the Light Brown Hair (Stephen Foster), (c) Oft in the Stilly Night (Trad.) Irish Air); 3. (a) Mattinata (Tosti), (b) Luna d'Estate (Tosti).

8.40 Compositions of Elgar.

9.15 London Relay—News Summary.

9.30 London Relay—"World Affairs."

9.45 A Request Classical Programme.

11.00 Close Down.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange Official Summary issued yesterday says:

The quiteness in the market remains undisturbed.

Buyers

H.K. Banks $1,485
Docks Cum Rts $21
Sinceres $2.30
Wm Powell $1.30
Entertainments $7.30

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HOUSE ADJOURNS

London, May 9.

The House adjourned to May 21, but the Lord Chancellor is authorised to convoke it at 24 hours notice.

Mr. Chamberlain had a busy morning. He did not have his usual work but spent the morning at Downing Street consulting his advisers, among whom was Lord Halifax. Great crowds cheered as he left for Parliament.

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THE WORLD'S SHYEST MONARCH

Is King Haakon of Norway, whose brother is King of Denmark and whose wife is Princess Maud of Wales. His son (Crown Prince Olav) was born in England.

KING HAAKON VII, the giant 6-foot 4-inch sailor who is first to occupy the Throne of modern Norway, is Europe's least known, least publicised and shyest reigning Monarch.

The only King to whom he had to concede any inches was his own brother, Christian X of Denmark. With him he shared the reputation of being the most democratic monarch even in a Europe shorn of all but a few of the glittering royal courts of pre-war years.

When members of reigning houses in some parts of Europe never left their palaces without solid lines of bayonets to guard them, Haakon of Norway and Christian of Denmark walked abroad daily among their subjects entirely unguarded.

In fact, the gigantic stature of the two Scandinavian brothers made them both so conspicuous in any crowd that they were constant sources of anxiety to the detectives assigned to protect them when they visited foreign capitals.

Haakon, like Christian, hates the kind of protection normally accorded to royalty and refuses to be guarded when at home in Oslo.

Unlike his brother, however, Haakon VII was not a familiar figure among his subjects. The reason for this was his lifelong shyness, not any hankering after formality.

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BORN a Dane, of the ruling house of Schleswig-Holstein-Sonderburg-Glucksburg which has supplied Europe with more sovereigns than almost any family except the Bourbons, Haakon was elected first King of Norway when its tough, sea-faring, mountaineering people broke away from union with Sweden in 1905.

His unassuming, democratic rule enabled him, in the face of occasional awkward snubs from the Norwegian Socialists, to retain his kingdom at a time when some of Europe's greatest monarchies were crashing or shorn of all but a shadow of their former power.

King Haakon was born on August 3, 1872, at Charlottenlund Palace in Denmark. He was christened Christian Fredrik Karl Georg Waldemar Axel and was known as Prince Karl. His father was Crown Prince Fredrik, afterwards King Fredrik VIII of Denmark.

As the younger son of a not-too-wealthy family, Prince Karl was brought up in an unpretentious manner.

His only apparent chance of becoming a reigning monarch was in the very unlikely event of his brother Christian—two years older than himself—dying.

Consequently, when he was still a small boy, Prince Karl was entered as a cadet in the Danish navy.



IN the very democratic life of a Danish warship Prince Karl found that royal birth was, if anything, a disadvantage.

His fellow-cadets took it on themselves to guard against any signs of "uppishness" on his part.

He had to scrub decks, swarm up masts into the rigging, mend his own socks and sleep in a hammock wearing nothing but a sailor's woollen striped undershirt, with his clothes rolled under his head as a pillow.

He spent all his early manhood in the navy and had only reached the rank of lieutenant when he left it to become king.

In the middle nineties rumour was busy in the courts of Europe, searching for a likely consort for the youthful, still unmarried Queen Wilhelmina of the Netherlands.

By common consent Prince Karl of Denmark was considered as promising a candidate as any and he was shipped off to The Hague to make himself known at the Dutch court.

According to report, he got as far as teaching Queen Wilhelmina to play chess, but apart from that made no real effort to make himself agreeable and came back to Copenhagen without a bride.

The real reason for this backwardness, however, was that he had already made the acquaintance of the lady of his choice, Princess Maud of Wales, youngest and, it was generally agreed, best looking of the daughters of the Prince of Wales, afterwards King Edward VII.

She was his first cousin, since her mother—afterwards Queen Alexandra was sister of the Prince's father.

Their engagement was announced shortly afterwards and they were married in England in July, 1896.

Even after his marriage Prince Karl had to live on a very modest scale with an income of only £15,000 a year.

He and his English bride made their home in a small apartment in one corner of the Copenhagen Palace belonging to the King of Greece.

Prince Karl often spent months at a time away at sea and in Copenhagen society he was not well known.

His son, Crown Prince Olav of Norway, was born at Appleton House, Sandringham, on July 2, 1903.

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IN 1905 Norway after years of discontent, broke away from Sweden, with which she had been united under one King since 1815.

The Norwegians asked King Oscar II of Sweden to choose them a ruler from the junior branches of his own family.

He refused, and the Norwegians then looked to Denmark for a King.

By a vote of 259,583 to 69,264 Prince Karl of Denmark was chosen to be the first ruler of an independent Norway for five centuries.

The last Norwegian king had been Haakon VI in the thirteenth century.

When Prince Karl took the throne at the age of thirty-three he assumed the title of King Haakon VII. (The name is actually pronounced "Hawkon").

King Haakon and Queen Maud came to their new capital—then known as Christiana—amid scenes of tremendous popular rejoicing on November 26, 1905.

Despite occasional rebuffs from the Socialists, King Haakon and his British Queen, by their tact and generally unassuming manner, soon showed themselves to be just the kind of Monarchs suited to the democratic Norwegian people.

Although King Haakon was painfully shy, especially of women, he made special efforts to visit all parts of his mountainous kingdom. His Silver Jubilee was celebrated in 1930.

King Haakon had a physique to match his height. He is rather dark, with a heavy moustache and is inclined to baldness. As a young man he was considered handsomer than most royalties.

Throughout his life he has been an ardent sportsman. He hunts, boxes, plays tennis, fences and is an excellent dancer. He used to swim nearly every morning before breakfast. He is exceedingly strong—so strong, in fact, that his friends say he can take a poker in his hands and bend it double.

Both King Haakon and Queen Maud visit England at least once every year. When they stay in London they walk about the streets without escort and generally quite unrecognised.

J. Griggs

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Spotting the Rank

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With Hitler in Poland

BY W. N. EWER

WHAT, I was asked the other day, are the Nazis doing in Poland? Plundering it no doubt, but what else?

What is their policy? Are they really setting up some kind of Polish State? How are things going?

Questions only too easy to answer: for there is quite reliable information to hand. But the answers are grim ones.

All that early pretence of setting up of a Polish State, of making a settlement with a new Polish Government, of merely annexing to Germany a few slices of territory that might plausibly be argued to be German, has gone.

It was never serious. It was the merest propaganda stunt, devised for the fooling of anybody in Allied or neutral countries who could be persuaded into believing that Hitler is not so very unreasonable after all. It was just ammunition for that "peace offensive."

The reality is very different.

Certainly the Westernmost districts of Poland have been formally annexed to the Reich; while the rest is a "Government-General."

But in practice it comes to the same thing. In both areas the whole administration—municipal as well as national—is in the hands of German officials.

In both the final power is in the hands of the Gestapo, which overrides both military and civil authorities at will—much to the annoyance of the military.

It is the Gestapo which is carrying out with its usual cold brutality the policy of the Fuehrer. And the policy of the Fuehrer is quite simple.

Poland as a nation is to be destroyed. The Polish workers and peasants are to become helots serving the German master-race. They are to hew wood and draw water.

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But all authority, all administration, all culture, are to be in the hands of the German taskmasters. Nazism has leapt back to the crudest barbarisms of the ancient world.

The method is as old as the objective. Was it not "Lars Porsena of Clusium" who gave the tip to "false Sextus" by lopping off the heads of all the tallest poppies in his garden?

If it wasn't Lars and Sextus it was two other men in early Roman times. The idea is the thing: and it is the idea the Gremans are putting into effect in Poland today.

Every leader, or potential leader, of any kind is being liquidated. Landowners, employers, trade union leaders, "intellectuals," prominent peasants, officials—everybody who might conceivably lead his fellows, either locally or nationally—is being "liquidated."

Some are shot. The total of executions is unknown. Fifteen thousand in the "annexed" areas is a fairly certain minimum.

Some are put into concentration camps. Some are deported to districts where they have no influence and are allowed to scratch a bare living there under the watchful eyes of the Gestapo—with the threat of the camp or the wall ever before them.

The destiny of the Pole is to be a slave—to work for starvation wages, to obey, to be silent. Either that: or the rubber truncheon, the torture chamber, the firing squad. If he lifts his head it will be hit.

That is the plan. It is being carried out with all the ruthless brutality of the Nazis.

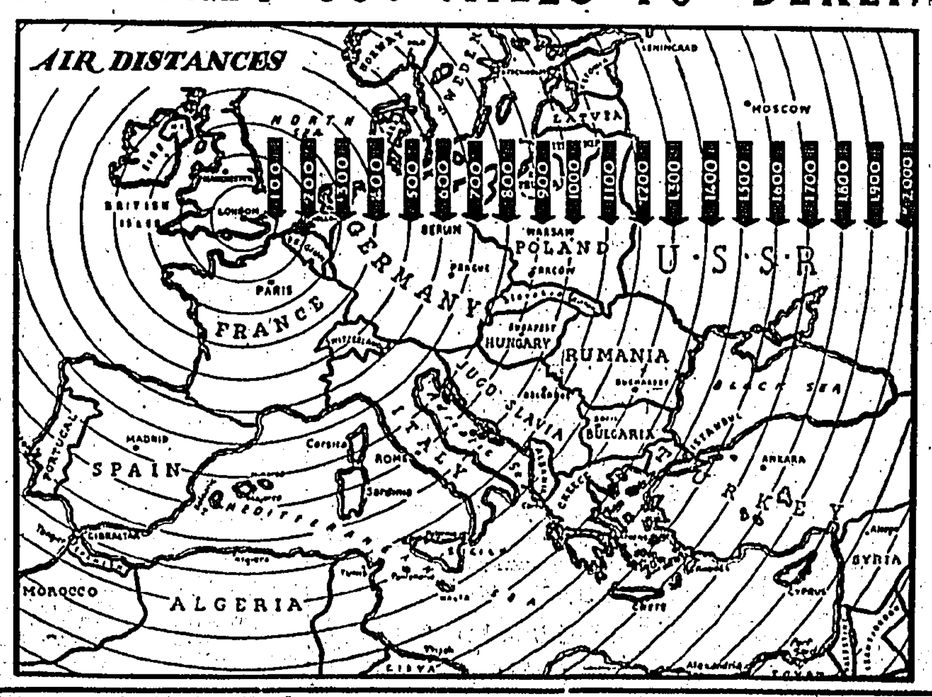
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But for all that it is not succeeding. The Poles are fighting back defiantly.

In the forests there are still guerilla fighters giving the German troops much trouble. In the towns there is sabotage and gallant challenging of the tyrants. There are underground activities of which it would be criminal to say a word.

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Sir Nevile Henderson

INSTALMENT 17

The storm breaks over Europe as Hitler decides that it shall be war.

As German troops and warplanes are flung into Poland, Sir Nevile Henderson, Britain's Ambassador in Berlin, warns Hitler that unless the troops are withdrawn Britain will go to the aid of Poland.

But no reply is forthcoming.

And so, once again, Britain was at war with Germany . .



Henderson left Berlin with staff and pet dachshund Hippy on the morning of September 4 on a special train. The train was delayed for some 18 hours.

ZERO HOUR IN BERLIN

DURING August 31 there has been much activity on the part of Field-Marshal Goering.

I think that Goering himself would have preferred a peaceful solution, but in matters such as these it was Hitler's decision which alone counted: and whatever Goering might feel, he was merely the loyal and submissive servant of his master.

Moreover, as I have already described, he had come down definitely on the side of peace a year before, and it may have been difficult for him to adopt this course a second time.

He invited me, however, to come and see him that afternoon, and I did so at 5 p.m. in company of Sir G. Ogilvie-Forbes.

As I had heard that the text of the proposals which Ribbentrop has refused to give me was to be broadcast on the radio that evening, my first remark was to point out to the Field-Marshal that this procedure would probably and finally wreck the last prospect of peace.

I begged him to do his utmost to prevent their publication.

Goering's reply was that he could not intervene, and that the German Government felt obliged to broadcast their proposals to the world in order to prove their "good faith."

Final but forlorn hope

He talked for the best part of two hours of the iniquities of the Poles and of Hitler's and his own desire for friendship with England, and of the benefit to the world in general and the advantage to England in particular of such a friendship.

It augured the worst from the fact that he was in a position at such a moment to give me so much of his time.

He had a few days before been made president of the new German Defence Council for the Reich (or War Cabinet), and he could scarcely have afforded at such a moment to spare time in conversation, if it did not mean that everything, down to the last detail, was now ready for action.

My general impression of this last talk with Goering was that it constituted a final but forlorn effort on his part to detach Britain from the Poles.

Nevertheless, the Field-Marshal seemed sincere when, having been called to the telephone, he returned to tell us that M. Lipski was on his way to see Ribbentrop.

He seemed relieved and to hope that, provided contact was only established, war might after all prove unnecessary.

The meeting with the Polish Ambassador proved, however, quite futile.

M. Lipski stated that he was acting solely in his capacity as an Ambassador without plenary powers to discuss or to negotiate.

Travesty of the facts

He handed to the Minister for Foreign Affairs a brief communication to the effect that the Polish Government were weighing favourably the proposal of His Majesty's Government for direct discussion, and that a formal answer in this matter would be communicated to the German Government in the immediate future.

He did not ask for the German proposals, and Ribbentrop did not offer to give them to him. Their meeting lasted but a few minutes.

When the Polish Ambassador, after his interview, attempted once more to telephone to his Government, he found that it was no longer possible for him to do so.

Hitler had, in fact, chosen this moment to precipitate the conflict.

He did not want direct negotiations with the Poles. It was zero hour.

In the early hours of September 1, without any declaration of war, the German army crossed the frontier, and the German air force proceeded to bomb the Polish aerodromes and lines of communication.

In accordance with Hitler's usual technique everything was then done by the German authorities to prove to the German public that it was the Poles who had been the aggressors instead of the aggressed.

Goering sent me a message to say that the Poles had begun the war by blowing up the bridge across the Vistula at Dirchau, while Hitler himself issued a proclamation to the German army declaring that the Polish State had refused the settlement which he offered and had appealed to arms.

Every German newspaper repeated the lie that it was the Poles who had begun the fighting.

Finally, at 10.30 a.m., Hitler met the Reichstag, which had been summoned for that hour, and similarly announced to the assembled Delegates that he had been "forced to take up arms in defence of the Reich."

It was a deliberate travesty of the facts, and never can there have been, or ever be, a case of more premeditated and carefully planned aggression.

Late that same evening I was instructed by Lord Halifax to notify the German Government that the latter by their action had created conditions which called for the implementation by the Governments of the United Kingdom and France of their undertaking to come to Poland's assistance.

A day of suspense

Unless His Majesty's Government received satisfactory assurances that the German Government had suspended all aggressive action and would be prepared to withdraw their forces from Polish territory, His Majesty's Government would, without hesitation, fulfil their obligations to Poland.

I was instructed at the same time to request an immediate reply, and was authorised, if asked, to explain that this communication was in the nature of a warning, and was not to be considered as an ultimatum.

I handed this communication in writing to the Minister for Foreign Affairs at 9.30 that evening.

Ribbentrop received it without other comment than that the sole blame rested on the Poles.

He made no inquiry as to the exact nature of the communication, but merely said that he must submit it to the Fuehrer.

I told him that I realised that this would be available at whatever hour he might be in a position to give me the Reichschancellor's reply.

The French Ambassador, who had been instructed to make a similar communication, did so immediately after me and received a reply on the same lines.

Early in the afternoon of that day, I had in accordance with Lord Halifax's instructions, officially requested the United States Charge d'Affaires to be good enough to take charge of British interests in the event of war.

All ciphers and confidential documents were burnt, and the whole of the Staff left their normal residences and were concentrated in the Adlon Hotel next door or in the Embassy itself.

September 2 was a day of suspense. The Poles were, it was reported, putting up a brave resistance in the face of surprise and overwhelming numbers.

No reply was received from the German Government throughout the day to the British and French warnings.

Italy's last peace effort

In the meantime the Italian Government was making one last effort to save the situation.

The Italian Ambassador had come to see me at midday on his way to the Ministry for Foreign Affairs.

Signor Attolico told me that he must know one thing immediately. Was the communication which I had made the previous evening to Herr von Ribbentrop an ultimatum or not?

I told His Excellency that I had been authorised to tell the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he had asked me—which he had not done—that it was not an ultimatum but a warning.

I mentioned to Signor Attolico that I understood that the Italian Government were putting forward a suggestion for the cessation of hostilities and the immediate summoning of a conference of the interested Powers.

In this connection I said that I felt bound to express the opinion that such a proposal would never be entertained unless at the same time all the German troops were withdrawn from Polish territory. I urged him to press for this.

Only two solutions

The Ambassador retorted that I could not speak for my Government. I admitted that fact, but said that I could not imagine the possibility of ourselves, and much less of the Poles, agreeing to any lesser course.

There had never been, in fact, for Hitler but the two solutions: the use of force, or the achievement of his aims by the display of force.

Late in the afternoon of September 2 I communicated to the Secretary of State for the information of the German Government the verbatim report of the Prime Minister's speech in the House of Commons on that date.

Therein Mr. Chamberlain stated that while His Majesty's Government could not agree to the proposal of the Italian Government for a conference while Poland was being subjected to invasion, they would be willing, if the German forces were withdrawn from Polish territory, to regard the position as being the same as before the forces had crossed the frontier.

It was the last chance of avoiding the great catastrophe of war at the last minute, but the German Government remained silent.

I present our ultimatum

At 4 a.m. on September 3, I was accordingly instructed by His Majesty's Government to arrange for a meeting with the Minister for Foreign Affairs at 9 a.m.

There was some difficulty in establishing contact with the Ministry at that hour, but I was finally informed that Dr. Schmidt was authorised by the Minister to accept on His Excellency's behalf any communication which I might make to him.

I accordingly handed to Dr. Schmidt at 9 a.m. precisely the final ultimatum from His Majesty's Government, pointing out that over twenty-four hours had elapsed since I had requested an immediate answer to our warning communication of September 1.

As no reply from the German Government was vouchsafed by 11 a.m., the German representative in London was informed in due course at that hour that a state of war existed between Britain and Germany.

By ten minutes past 11 a.m. every British consular officer in Germany had been advised by the staff of His Majesty's Embassy at Berlin that this was the case.

History will judge

Shortly after 11 a.m. I received a final message from Ribbentrop asking me to call upon him at once. I did so at 11.30, and he lost no time in giving me on this occasion a lengthy document to read, beginning with a refusal on the part of the German people to accept any demands in the nature of an ultimatum made by the British Government, and stating that any aggressive action by England would be answered with the same weapons and the same form.

The rest of the document was pure propaganda, destined presumably for home and neutral consumption, with a view to attempting to prove to the German people and the world generally that it was Britain alone which was to blame for everything which had happened.

My only comment on reading this completely false representation of events was: "It would be left to history to judge where the blame really lay."

Ribbentrop's answer was to the effect that history had already proved the facts, and that nobody had striven harder for peace and good relations with England than Herr Hitler had done.

His last remark to me was that he wished me personally good, to which I could only reply that I deeply regretted the failure of all my efforts for peace, but that I bore no grudge against the German people.

Thereafter I saw no further German official except the member of the Protocol, who accompanied our special train as far as Rotterdam.

My last official communication to the German Government was a note which I presented on the instructions of His Majesty's Government inquiring whether the German Government would observe the provisions of the Geneva Protocol of 1925 prohibiting the use in war of asphyxiating, poisonous or other gases and of bacteriological methods of warfare.

The German Government later replied to this through the Swiss Minister in London giving the required assurance on the understanding that His Majesty's Government would similarly observe the provisions of the Protocol.

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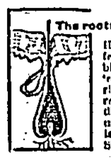
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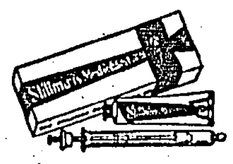
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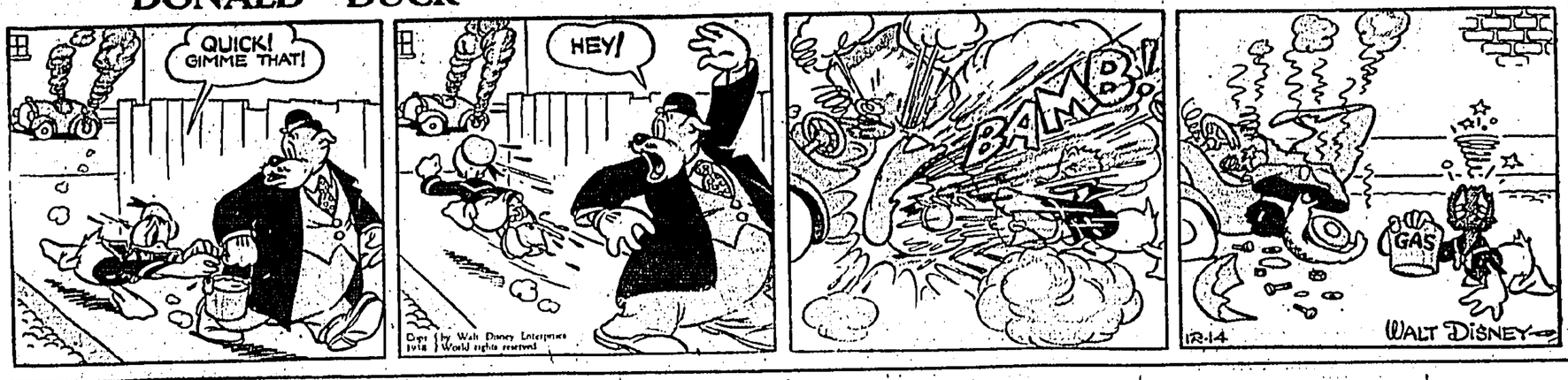
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A Look Through The "Telegraph"

50 YEARS AGO

May 10, 1890.

The French claim that Annam voluntarily accepted their protectorate. A native circular was recently sent all over the country alleging that Heaven had sent the cholera as a punishment to the French for banishing the King of Annam. That doesn't sound very loyal.

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The new first class armour plated battleship Victoria, 15 guns, 10,470 tons, 14,000 horse power, Captain J. E. Stokes, which has been built for the Royal Navy at a cost of £853,000 was passed out of hand at Sheerness on April 3, ready for foreign service.

The Victoria at present draws 29 ft. 2 in. of water, which is the heaviest draught ever recorded of a ship fitting out in the Medway. She is the most powerful ship of war ever despatched from England, and will be a great acquisition to the Mediterranean Fleet.

25 YEARS AGO

May 10, 1915.

The "Frankfurter Zeitung" says that the sinking of the Lusitania is tragic, but, nevertheless, an extraordinary success for the German Navy.

New York comments on the sinking of the Lusitania are to-day more vehement than ever. It is even suggested that America will refuse further hospitality to Germany's official representatives, though a break in diplomatic relations would not necessarily mean war.

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According to Reuter's correspondent at Amsterdam a Rome telegram from the "Frankfurter Zeitung" says that Italy's pretext to begin war is awaited with the greatest suspense. Reports are circulated to the effect that Italy will make a declaration of war against Turkey on the ground of the violation of the treaty of Lausanne.

According to Reuter's Rome correspondent the Kaiser has telegraphed King Victor Emmanual requesting his support. The Kaiser's efforts to make an Austro-Italian settlement are believed to be a last desperate expedient. The Kaiser has also despatched an autograph letter to the King. Austria's final proposals do not include Trieste, consequently they must be unacceptable. The personnel of the Austrian Embassy to the Vatican left yesterday evening.

The King has to-day conferred with his ministers including the ministers of war and marine, and Signor Salandra, the premier. He exhorts the prefects to prevent an anti-Austrian rioting under all circumstances.

10 YEARS AGO

May 10, 1930.

Miss Amy Johnson arrived in Constantinople non-stop from Vienna on May 6. She left Croydon in a tiny Moth aeroplane at 8.40 a.m. on May 5 on a solo flight to Australia. Miss Johnson is only 22 years of age.

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What is tantamount to a declaration of war by the National Government against the Shansi Kuominchun Government at Peking was contained in a declaration by Marshal Chiang Kai Shek when he spoke at a troop parade here yesterday afternoon, at the Aerodrome, to several thousands of Nanking forces who were leaving for the front.

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The Admiralty announces that Admiral Sir S. A. Gough Calthorpe has retired. Admiral Sir Roger Keyes has been promoted to Admiral of the Fleet and Vice-Admiral Sir A. A. M. Duff has been promoted Admiral.

5 YEARS AGO

May 10, 1935.

"Royal Cavalcade" showing at the Star Theatre to-day. The special film produced to commemorate the Silver Jubilee of Their Majesties King George V and Queen Mary, 1910-1935. A glorious epic of the reign, depicting all the important incidents in the life of the nation during the period. A British International Picture.

Truce Called In Eire Dail

Two By-Elections Are Postponed

LONDON, May 9 (Reuter).—A political truce was announced in the Eire Dail to-day by Mr. Cosgrave, leader of the Opposition.

He said that his party did not propose to contest the by-election in Galway for a seat, rendered vacant by the death of a Government supporter, nor did he propose to move a writ for the Kilkenny vacancy, due to the death of a member of his own party.

He said that he would not move the Kilkenny writ until Mr. De Valera had said that the danger of a civil disturbance was past.

It is understood that both by-elections will be postponed for three months.

Full Story Of Epic Air Combat

MAGNIFICENT R.A.F. WORK AGAINST ODDS

LONDON, May 9 (Reuter).—Further details of a one-sided air combat in Norway between a squadron of Gloster Gladiator planes from an aircraft carrier and a huge number of German have now been revealed.

Part of the story was told by Sir Samuel Hoare, the Air Minister, in the House of Commons on Wednesday.

Just before night, the squadron landed on a frozen lake south-east of Andalsnes. That night they saw two planes with Norwegian markings, but they must have been flown by Germans, for at 3 a.m. German bombers arrived.

A Heinkel was shot down.

Raided For 24 Hours

The base was kept busy with air raids from 7.30 a.m. to 8 p.m. All this time the British pilots were in the open.

Except for the runways, there was melting snow everywhere several feet deep. The pilots had to crawl about on their hands and knees, their clothes were wet and they were freezing.

Despite all these frequent raids they carried out 40 sorties and 37 of the enemy were engaged. Of the 18 Gladiators landed, only five were serviceable by night.

R.A.F. Take Toll

They had taken toll of the enemy, however, shooting down six for certain and probably eight more on the surrounding mountains.

The next day they carried out further reconnaissance attacks on the enemy. By evening only one plane remained useful.

When southern Norway was evacuated, there was no time to repair the planes. The ship on which the pilots embarked was bombed for six hours without interruption without success.

Japan Loses Vital Trade

Philippines Market Slumps Heavily

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, May 9 (UP).—A Department of Commerce survey, based on reports from the Commissioner in Manila, to-day cited Japan's decline last year as a source of supply to the Philippines.

The survey said that United States position was unchanged with 76 and 68 per cent. of the Islands' exports and imports respectively.

Japanese imports declined to 66 per cent. which is the lowest level since 1933, and the Japanese share of the Islands' total import trade was 6.2 per cent. which was the smallest since 1912.

U.S. Planes To Visit Dutch Island

COLON, May 9 (Reuter).—Great significance is attached in Panama to the forthcoming "courtesy visit" of two United States Army bomber planes from the Canal Zone to the Netherland's island of Aruba, which is off the Venezuelan coast.

There are many important oil refineries at Aruba.

The bombers will take off from Albrook aerodrome in the Canal Zone at dawn to-morrow.

It will be the first trip from the Canal to Aruba by United States Army planes.

The visit is considered important in view of the recent discussions on the possibility of action by the United States regarding the Dutch insular psosessions in the event of Holland becoming involved in a European war.

Military Mission To Moscow

BUCHAREST, May 9 (Reuter).—An important Yugo-Slavian military mission will shortly leave Belgrade for Moscow, according to messages from Belgrade published in the Rumanian press.

It is stated that General Maximovici, one of the most prominent of the Yugo-Slavian military leaders, will head the mission.

Neither the Yugo-Slavian nor Soviet Legations in Bucharest have yet had any intimation of the passage of the mission through Rumania.

Bravery Has Its Reward

Gallant Officers Are Decorated

LONDON, May 9 (Reuter).—The daring resourcefulness of officers and men of the Fleet Air Arm and the submarine service off the Norwegian coast is recognised in a long list of awards published to-day in the "London Gazette".

Those who will receive the D.S.O. include Captain Richard Thomas Patridge, Royal Marines; Lt. William Paulet Lucy, Royal Navy; Lt.-Cmdr. Christopher Haynes Hutchinson, of the submarine Truant; Lt.-Cmdr. John Hay Forbes, of the submarine Sunfish; and Lt. William Donald King, of the submarine Snapper.

There are also a number of Distinguished Service Crosses and Distinguished Service Medals and mentions in the despatches.

An unusual distinction falls to Acting Lieutenant E. W. T. Taylour, who is awarded the D.S.C., a bar, and is mentioned in despatches.

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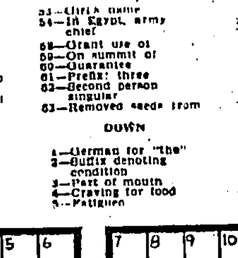
Crossword Puzzle

By LARS MORRIS

ACROSS

1—Enlarge in all directions
7—Lessen amount of
11—First Roosevelt's nickname
14—Bring to light
15—Essence of flowers
16—At all (Scottish)
17—Announcement
18—Not any part
19—Minute (abbr.)
20—Cutting and gathering grain
22—Guy-rope used on sailing ships
24—Insipid
26—Employ
27—Ridiculous proceeding
28—Melody
30—Worthless leaving
39—Contradicted
31—Female sex hormone
32—Liquefy by heat
33—Legal claim on property
34—I would
35—Cleansing medicine
37—Work as
39—Small cays
40—Large rodent
41—In the past
42—Bowl-shaped volcano outlet
44—Consume by chemical action
45—So. American armadillo
48—Tanker
47—Zionist: one who believes in
48—Open to view
49—Unmannerly person
50—Impose upon
52—Attention (abbr.)

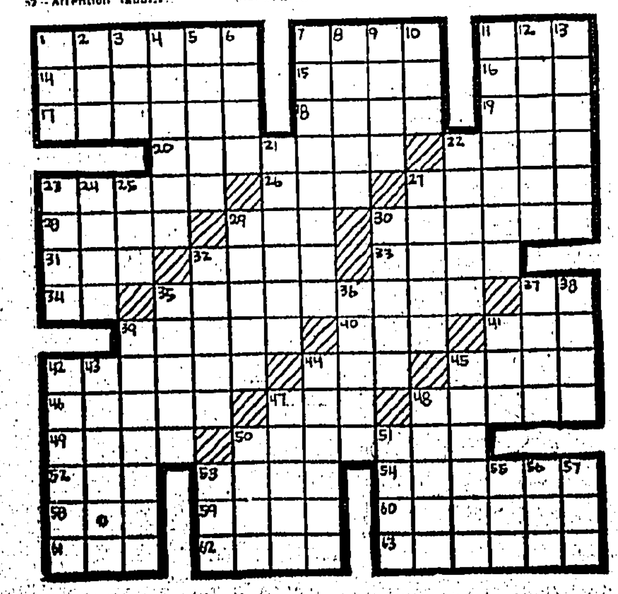
ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE



53—Girl's name
54—In Egypt, army chief
58—Grant use of
59—On summit of
60—Guarantee
61—Prefix: three
62—Second person singular
63—Removed seeds from

DOWN

1—German for "the"
2—Suffix denoting condition
3—Part of mouth
4—Craving for food
5—Fatiguing
6—Feminine suffix
7—Balustrade
8—Make amends
9—Penetrating taste
10—Before
11—Small monkey of South America
12—Show plainly
13—Doggoned
21—Small money bags
23—Gentleman's body-servant
25—Turkish governor
26—Dry
25—Sharp fastening implement
27—Deceptive movement
29—Being of exterior side
30—Cry of sheep
33—Extreme excitement
35—Extravagantly affectionate one
36—Rub roughly
37—Chinese glue
38—Death
39—Skull-cap worn by Roman Catholic clergy
41—Mimick
42—Element forming blue pigments
43—Member of disorderly gathering
44—Get away
45—Detrimental
47—Great-grandchild (Scottish)
48—Sheep-like
50—Perform
51—Egyptian goddess
53—Feline
55—Non-exploding shell
56—Unit of area
57—Political extremist





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Near East Enigma

AS the year advances into summer, speculation on possible developments of the war is intensified. It is not thought likely that the present state of inactivity will continue for long.

There will doubtless be renewed reports of German intentions to break through Holland or Belgium, or both. For the moment, however, attention is rather directed to the Near East.

The Allies have a large army in that quarter. Italy is also very much on the alert. She has made it known that she could not be indifferent to anything affecting the Near East and the Balkans.

But, strangely enough, Hitler's two friends, Stalin and Mussolini, are far from being friends with each other. The Duce has lost none of his detestation of Bolshevist influences in Europe. He maintains a consistency in that matter which Hitler has completely abandoned.

The Turkish Prime Minister, in some discreet but significant references to the situation, said the crisis had now come to his country's door. Officially, relations with Russia are unchanged. Actually, Turkey can have no illusions about Moscow's lack of goodwill towards her. She refused to be Russia's tool, and is therefore in Stalin's black books.

Turkey, however, is prepared for whatever may befall. She has a clear sense of where her duty lies. If war should be forced upon her she will make common cause with the Allies. The Near East situation is uncertain, but France, Britain, and Turkey have made the fullest preparations to check-mate German, Russian or even Italian aggression in this vital region.

WHAT ARE WE FIGHTING FOR?

by A. A. Milne

You know Milne as a brilliant writer of essays, plays, light verse.

Here he writes in a different mood. His subject is the one that matters more to you all than any other.

And the "Telegraph" believes that what he has to say will interest you.

I HAD a letter the other day which said: "We don't seem to be fighting for anything; only against it."

The next morning I read an article which said that we were not fighting for democracy or for liberty or for any nonsense of that sort. "We are fighting for England."

England, however, was not being attacked. Why, then, were we fighting? Because, in a year or so, when Germany had made all the conquests which she wanted in the East, then she would have attacked France.

And when, in this next war, she had defeated France, then in another year or so she would attack England.

So we were fighting a war to prevent a war which would lead to war against England.

It sounds like something from Gertrude Stein.

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NOW it seems to me that no man of intelligence can take part in a war at this point in history without the fixed determination in his mind that, as far as he can ensure it by his own actions, it shall be the last European war.

I know that many of us said in 1914 that we were fighting a war to end war. Very well; we lost that war.

Now we are fighting again. We may lose again; but we cannot enter upon a war with the fear that we are going to lose.

We must believe in ourselves. It is no good fighting any sort of battle unless one is determined to win and believes that one is going to win.

Our war-aim therefore (yours and mine, since we are intelligent men) is to end war. Where we may differ from other people (including, unfortunately, members of the Government) is that our aim is, possibly, only their hope.

In a democratic country the people, the main body of troops, mark the stage of civilisation which that country has reached: a stage of civilisation which is now beyond war. But in a Totalitarian State the gangster may easily be the autocrat.

This is one reason why the people (democracy) offer a safeguard for peace which cannot be offered by the individual (autocracy).

The other reason is this: a Totalitarian State by definition exists for the benefit of the State, not for the benefit of its members.

But if the State claims to have a life of its own to which the life of every individual is subordinate, then its life can only be a life in competition with other States; its only victories over its competitors.

One can see that this must be so if one imagines a group of islanders in the Pacific, cut off from the rest of mankind, forming themselves into a Totalitarian State: in which each individual is told:

"Nothing which happens to you matters; the only thing which matters is the welfare of the island."

We see at once that the only "welfare of the island" conceivable is the welfare of each individual islander.

And we see that a totalitarian island can only justify its existence by competing with, and obtaining victories over, neighbouring islands.

Inevitably a successful war is the complete victory, the ultimate form of the island-State's self-expression.

One may note, too, in passing that the only time when the individual in a democratic country is asked to subordinate himself to the State is when his country is at war.

It is clear, therefore, that whether Hitlerism, Mussolinism, Stalinism and any similar form of government are to be regarded as the expression of a genuine political doctrine or merely as an excuse for autocracy, they are, they must be, a danger to the peace of the world.

If this war ensures the triumph of democracy, and only if so, then it ends war.

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What is our Peace Aim? The immediate object of the war is to destroy Hitlerism. The immediate object of the last war was to destroy Prussian militarism.

We should know by now that destruction is not an end in itself, but only a means to an end.

We destroyed the Kaiser, and Hitler followed; we destroy Hitler—and then what?

Unless we decide rightly we shall have lost another war. If destroying Hitlerism is our war-aim, what is our peace-aim?

There are many who think that it should be a revived League of Nations; a League which shall do all the things which the last League failed to do; a League which shall really unite against an aggressor; a League, some say, with an international standing army to enforce its authority.

It is difficult to imagine such an army mobilising against (say) Russia; perhaps still more difficult to imagine it mobilising against (say) Germany.

It is easier to imagine an International Air Force.

But an air force is at its most effective when used as a threat. The threat, if defined, can only be carried out by dropping bombs upon "military objects," which would inevitably include women and children.

Law does not easily compete with lawlessness in threats, and actions, of frightfulness.

But though it is difficult to imagine such a League in action, and difficult to understand why its pledges should be more sacred to its members now than before, it is stupid to say that therefore such a League could not be brought into being, could not be made workable.

What I think we can say is that no State which submitted to the authority of such a League could possibly be a Totalitarian State, ruled by an autocrat.

One cannot glorify the State and oneself through the State unless the State is independent.

Even an "axis" detracts a little from one's glory—unless one is convinced that one is the dominating partner in the axis.

So that, if such a League were effective in maintaining peace, the effective part of it would be composed of democratic countries, willing to submit to the decision of the majority, willing to subordinate their own interests to the general good.

I think that we should make it clear, as soon as possible, that in our view democracy is the only safeguard of peace, and that we are prepared "after the war" to co-operate in the fullest and most generous way with all other democracies.

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Our first peace-aim should be a League of Democracies, which shall utterly renounce all war as between themselves, and which shall, as soon as practicable, remove all inter-tariff barriers.

The idea behind the League should not be mutual assistance in war-time, but mutual assistance in peace-time; and democracies only should be eligible for inclusion.

It is time that we cleared our minds of a good deal of cant about autocracies.

We plead in their excuse "the right of countries to choose their own form of government." No country ever "chose" autocracy.

Russia didn't; Italy didn't; Germany didn't; Spain didn't.

Autocracy to-day begins as a revolt against some other form of government; a revolt which may or may not be supported by the majority of the people, but is supported by a fighting majority; that is, by those with the greater military resources.

The leader's first autocratic and entirely unjustifiable action on acquiring power is to deny not only those who opposed the revolt, but whose who supported it, any further part in the new government of their country.

After which it is assumed that the people chose autocracy; and that, being foreigners, they must be expected to have their funny little ways, on which it would be bad form for an English gentleman to comment.

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This is nonsense. We can comment on cannibalism, we can comment (and have commented) before

PLEASE Turn To Page 2.

We never called Fritz a Coward

Foolish stories
DONT throw aspersions on the bravery of the enemy. That kind of talk is foolish. There is too much of it about.

We of the 1914-18 war called the Germans all sorts of things. But never did we call them cowards.

We knew them too well for that.

People at home (who had the time to learn to hate) called them Huns, and Boches, and things like that.

We out in the mud against them called them Jerry, or Fritz.

We never liked the Germans. We never hated the Germans—except when we heard of a bombing raid on England and we said: "Why can't they fight US, instead of the people at home? . . . We'll show them . . !" And the hate lasted until we could, and *did*, show them. Usually two to three days. Then we just went on with our job of war, and our normal way of regarding the war—and JERRY.

And that was . . .?

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We distrusted every thing about him, except his courage. We knew we could distrust him in everything but stay-and-take-it power. We belittled him in every way but one: we said he kept his trenches dirty (foul slur on any soldier).

The first bit of hand-to-hand fighting, when our barrack-square instructor's spirit still hoarse-whispered to us: "Show a German a bit of cold steel and he'll wilt before you like a nasturtium in a frost," showed us how mistaken it was to look on Jerry as having no guts (which is the soldier word for courage).

Jerry stood up to it.

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And I saw then an example of courage (German brand) which I have thought of, and pondered over, ever since. Let me present it to you:—

The time: Dawn.

The place: A mine-crater in No-Man's-Land.

We have been over the top; taken a bunch of prisoners—officers and (about) nineteen men. We have mustered them in this crater until we can get them down the line.

One Jerry starts whining, rubbing his hand up and down his chest. At last the officer takes notice, goes to him, and says something (in German) which sounds like, "What are you making all this fuss about?"

The private says something (in German) which sounds like: "I've got it here, sir."

Whereupon the officer grabs hold of the private's tunic at the bottom, rips it upwards, tears off three buttons in the process, and exposes a chest smashed by shrapnel.

Then this happens:

British N.C.O. (who has observed the scene): "Why did you do that? Can't you see the man's hurt?"

German officer: "Do not dare to speak to me so. Do you not see I am a German officer and he is one of my men?"

British N.C.O.: "And you see this, I am a British N.C.O. And if I see you do anything like that again I'll bring down the butt of my rifle on your head, officer or no officer."

That British N.C.O. was me.

And still, as I think of war, I think that German officer had terrific courage — as Germans know and understand courage—to try to keep the iron face that is the German idea of courage.

Thirty men (English) were left to hold a trench. Twenty-eight were killed. The two others held on.

They talked of England, and primroses, and held on. And still "live to tell the story."

I thank England for our English courage.

Don't belittle the Germans' courage. But trust ours to win.

W. T. Knott



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FUNCTION AT Y.M.C.A.

Farewell Presentation To Assistant Secretary

Members of the Europeann Y.M.C.A. yesterday presented a camera to Mr. W. J. Ashton, who is returning to England soon after four years as assistant secretary.

The secretary, Mr. A. W. Ingram, said when Mr. Ashton first came to Hongkong from Lincoln, he believed he was disappointed to find that the young men were rather mature.

"The Y.M.C.A. works among young people," said Mr. Ingram, "but here in Hongkong we have always held that as long as a man lived in Hongkong he belonged to the side of youth.

"To come from Lincoln to a place like Hongkong required great adjustments. Mr. Ashton has been devoted to his work and during these years he has adjusted himself to a difficult situation in a remarkable way," Mr. Ingram added.

Mr. H. W. Smits thanked Mr. Ashton on behalf of the hockey section for the invaluable help he had given them. Mr. A. Cole and Mr. W. H. Colledge spoke for the discussion group of the Y.M.C.A. and Mr. F. Tyndal for the House Committee.

Mrs. Ingram, wife of the secretary, presented Mr. Ashton with the camera and a bouquet of flowers.

The camera, said Mr. Ashton, he would use to take pictures as a basis for lectures when he returned to England.

"I have had four very happy years in Kowloon," he added. "It is a very great wrench to tear myself away from associations and colleagues I hold in such high regard. I think the link that has meant so much to me here is that we have been associated in service."

Mr. Ashton, who was secretary of the Y.M.C.A. in Lincoln before he came to China, will report back to the National Council of the Y.M.C.A. in England, which will allot him to another station.

Those who attended the presentation included Messrs. W. J. Webber, T. Ingram, E. Yourieff, R. S. Spencelayh, W. Lampard, Rev. H. E. Charmen, Mr. and Mrs. E. Long, Mr. and Mrs. H. Burson and the new assistant secretary, Mr. E. W. Railton.

Thailand's Needs

Representative Places Orders In Shanghai

An announcement that he had spent $1,000,000 China currency in Shanghai on merchandise for Thailand, and that he intended to place orders in Hongkong, was made by Mr. Vilas Osatananda, Managing Director of the Thai Niyom Panich Company, Ltd., Bangkok, Director-General of the Thailand Department of Publicity and Thai Minister without Portfolio, when he arrived from Shanghai by a Canadian liner yesterday.

Mr. Osatananda explained that the Government of Thailand, through its Ministry of Economic Affairs, recently notified Thailand merchants that, in view of the newly developed situation of the present war in Europe, they should resort to the Thai Niyom Panich Company for their regular supplies of goods, should they experience any difficulty in obtaining foreign goods or inability to make direct connections with foreign countries as formerly.

The Thai Niyom Panich Company was registered in July, 1939, as a Thai company with the capital of Baht 1,000,000 (approximately £100,000). It had the Government's backing and its functions included import and export operations, the establishment of factories for the manufacture of foodstuffs, commodities, textiles, etc., and the undertaking of any other enterprise calculated to promote trading and commerce in general.

Mr. Osatananda added that the Company, which was under the direct management of a competent board including men well known for their wide range of experience, had gained substantial support from the merchants of Thailand.

Bought Building Materials

He declared that his present tour, which was to find ways and means to safeguard Thai markets against possible shortage of necessary supplies of merchandise and, generally, to promote Thailand's trade, had been quite successful. He believed that he had made contacts which would prove valuable to his country. His Shanghai purchases comprised mainly building materials such as had become scarce since the beginning of the war. The main commodity which Thailand had to sell China was salt.

It is two years since Mr. Osatananda has visited the Colony, though before that he was Thailand Trade Commissioner here for four years. His stay will be brief, as he must leave for Bangkok by Imperial Airways' plane on Sunday.

SQUASH COMPETITION AT Y.M.C.A.

A MEETING of squash racket enthusiasts was held in the European Y.M.C.A. yesterday when it was decided to try and run a ladder competition during the coming season.

In the meantime it was suggested that as both courts had become very slippery through weather conditions, a thin layer of cement be laid.

Mr. W. Lampard was elected Secretary of the Section and Mr. H. W. Smits was co-opted to help in the running of events and the maintainence of courts.

England Will Be Ruthless

Foreign Comment On Commons Debate

LONDON, May 9 (Reuter).—The "Gothenburg Goteborsposten" says: "England's extraordinary power is seldom oppressive and often Stabilising and peace-producing.

"But when the Empire is at stake, Englishmen can show ruthlessness more than anyone else. We now must be prepared for a ruthless England."

The Stockholm "Tidnungen" says: "The British follow a fine old tradition. They cast off the camouflage of a critical situation and speak out as though the enemy and the world are not listening to every word. They do not attempt to paint a favourable picture, but ruthlessly emphasise the situation's gravity, and much of the criticism concerns the Cabinet's efforts to represent matters in a better light than were justified. There was no tone of defeatism in the chorus of dissatisfaction, although recent events were recognised as defeat."

Proud Traditions Maintained

The "Dagens Nyheter" says: "The English House of Commons maintains the proudest traditions of debate on the affairs of a State in a very serious situation with an energy and unrestraint sharply contrasting with the hush-hush campaign carried on by the government of smaller democracies. The Government considers the danger of silencing criticism and ignoring the people's representatives still greater. The result is confrontation of the governors and the governed, from which the country proceeds with greater determination and continues to fight at all costs."

U.S. Press Comment

NEW YORK, May 9 (Reuter).—The New York press comments favourably on the fact that it is possible to air complaints in Parliament so freely and to hold the Ministers to account so directly.

The "New York Times" says that notice has been served on Mr. Chamberlain and his colleagues. The paper says that they are on trial before their own people as well as those of France.

The Government has won an uneasy reprieve after the most violent battering of its career.

The "Herald Tribune" does not see in Chamberlain one who has the personal vigour or driving ability to eradicate the weaknesses of the conduct of the war. It is imperative, says the paper, that those weaknesses should be eradicated.

The "New York Post" contrasts uncertain England with Germany moving on a fixed schedule preparing for the summer campaign.

The "New York Sun" points out that the Government must carry on the war with greater vigour.

CHURCHILL OR LLOYD GEORGE!

FROM PAGE ONE

is significant that Mr. Chamberlain's Government no longer has the confidence of either Parliament or the country.

The "Times" Appeal

Most of the other papers are less drastic although they are unanimous in their demands for an overhaul of the government.

"The Times" appeals to the Labour Party to rise above Party matters to take a share in running the country.

The paper regrets the press for division and says that this is not the way to adjust the Government quickly.

The "Daily Telegraph" sees in Chamberlain's speech a possibility that he too is thinking on the lines that personal or other considerations should not be allowed to prevent the formation of the best government for conducting the war.

It will only remain for him to move promptly from thought to deed.

With regard to Norway, the government emerged very creditably with a straightforward and complete answer to the major criticisms.

If the members had not been prevented from giving the full facts it is possible that their case might have been even stronger.

A Bad Story

The "Manchester Guardian" says that although the result of the debate has gone abroad as an apparent victory for the Government everyone here knows that it is nothing of the kind.

It is a bad story—lack of provisions, lack of preparations, indecision, slowness and fear of taking risks.

Britain has had this before. She has never fought a major war without this.

But it cannot be permitted in a war with an enemy like Hitler.

The "Yorkshire Post" says that a far bigger question is involved than whether this man or that man should be Prime Minister.

There must be a transformation of ideas. We must fight not with easy-going confidence but with a desperate devotion. Far from groaning under our burdens we are asking for heavier ones.

Britain Buying U.S. Maize

WASHINGTON, May 9 (Reuter).—The Agricultural Department announces the sale of $20,000,000 bushels of maize to Britain under the new export subsidy programme.

The maize will be taken from Government-owned stocks, which total 80,000,000 bushels.

SHANGHAI PROTEST

Mayor Blames Council For Recent Murder

Shanghai, May 9.

Mayor Fu Hsiao-en sharply protested to-day to Mr. Godfrey Phillips, Secretary-General of the Municipal Council, against the assassination of Hsia Tze-ting, Councillor of the Special Municipality, and managing director of the Sino-Japanese owned Central China Fisheries Company, on May 6.

The protest criticised officials of the Municipal Council for lack of sincerity and failure to take appropriate steps to apprehend those responsible for the murder.

It pointed out that Chungking paid anti-Japanese terrorists in the Settlement in an effort to strengthen their position in order to carry out a reign of terror.

"We hope the Council will take appropriate action against anti-Japanese newspapers here which are financed by the Chungking regime and which are disturbing the new order in East Asia by reporting fabrications and agitating the populace," the protest added.—*United Press.*

More Nazi Fantasy

Says Webb Miller Killed By British Agents

London, May 9.

The official German News Agency, in reporting the death of Mr. Webb Miller, *United Press* war correspondent, declares he was killed by British agents as his despatches had become a serious danger to the plans for spreading the war by the Western Powers.

"For a long time," the despatch says, "foreign neutrals have run against the dark trace of the British Intelligence Service which is going on with its brutal and shady work. The Munich bomb attempt against the life of the Fuehrer and the attempted sabotage on the Danube are only a couple of links in the long chain of crime in which the sinister hand of the Secret Service is visible, and to whom now Miller has fallen a victim."

A spokesman of the Foreign Office in London, said Mr. Miller held the great respect and affection of both Government and journalistic circles in London. He met his death accidentally.

"It is understood," the spokesman continued, "that when he was travelling home he opened the wrong door of the carriage, and was instantly killed as a train approached on another line. His death is mourned in London where he had a host of friends, and not the least in Government circles who have reason to appreciate him not only as a fine correspondent but also a warm friend."—*United Press.*

Nazi Plane Shot Down

London, May 9.

A German plane was shot down on the north-east coast of Scotland today. The machine was attacked by British fighter aircraft and crashed near the coast.

This is the 69th. enemy aircraft brought down near the British coast since the war began.

Anti-aircraft guns blazed on the south coast where sirens shrieked nearby at an air defence post. British fighters went up but there was no sign of the enemy. The warning last one hour.—*United Press.*

STOCK EXCHANGE HAS GOOD DAY

LONDON, May 9 (Reuter).—On the Stock Exchange to-day, Kaffirs maintained a good disposition and movements again favoured holders.

In other directions a better sentiment prevailed after initial dullness. Gilt-edged securities met with renewed support, while the recent sagging of industrials was checked by some bear-covering.

Brazilians weakened but other foreign bonds were mainly steady.

Rubber holdings were helped by good dividend announcements.

Wall Street was firm.

Inter-American Bank Scheme

WASHINGTON, May 9 (Reuter).—The establishment of an Inter-American Bank with a capital of $100,000,000 is now virtually assured.

The required minimum of six nations have filed notice that they will sign the draft convention tomorrow.

The nations concerned are the United States, Mexico, Columbia, Ecuador, Nicaragua and the Dominican Republic.

SUBMARINE OFFICERS

London, May 9.

An Admiralty communique to-day states that six officers and 35 ratings are missing from the submarine Sterlet and five officers and 48 ratings from the submarine Tarpon. The list include the following officers:

Sterlet.—Lt. Comdr. G. H. S. Haward, Surg.-Lt. J. S. Crone, Lt. J. C. Paige, Eng. A. S. Sarfas, Sub.-Lt. Gilbert Wardle, Lt. G. J. Wright.

Tarpon.—Lt.-Comdr. H. J. Caldwell, Lt. L. H. Kettle, Wt.-Engr. R. W. Sherry, Sub.-Lt. H. D. A. Weatherall, Lt.-Comdr. C. B. L. Wren.—*United Press.*

Holland Not Negotiating

Reported Demands By Nazi Denied

AMSTERDAM, May 9 (Reuter).—An official denial that Holland is negotiating with Germany or any other country was given to "Reuter" last night.

The denial referred to rumours published abroad that following the German demands, Holland had sent emissaries to Berlin.

It was repeated to-night that Holland's defensive preparations are being taken with a view to the international situation and not as the result of any demands made upon her.

Situation Easier

AMSTERDAM, May 9 (Reuter).—Normal passenger traffic on all Dutch railways will be resumed on Saturday.

This is regarded as indicating an easing of the situation.

Army Fully Prepared

BRUSSELS, May 9 (Reuter).—Certain A.R.P. units have been reinforced, but there are no other special measures. The army is already fully prepared.

WESTERN FRONT

Infantry In Action

PARIS, May 9 (Reuter).—An official communique issued to-day states that during last night infantry actions took place on a large front. The enemy were repulsed everywhere.

During the day there was activity of both artilleries to the West of the Vosges and in the region of Wissembourg.

Nazis Taken Prisoners

Four occupants of a German reconnaissance bomber which made a forced landing at a village in central France were held prisoner by farm labourers until taken into custody by the military authorities.

Strengthening Maginot Line

PARIS, May 9 (Reuter).—The work of deepening and strengthening the Maginot Line has continued uninterrupted since the war broke out.

To date French engineers have built 1,200 extra reinforced concrete blockhouses and have used nearly 1,000,000 tons of materials.

Rounding-Up Tax-Evaders

Inquisitorial Methods By British Govt.

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, May 9 (UP).—Rumours that the Government is planning inquisitorial methods, including the examination of the books of banks, in order to detect British nationals who have not registered their foreign security holdings, were confirmed today by the publication of an order in council empowering the Treasury to take steps "for the purpose of securing compliance with or detecting the evasion of "regulations regarding British owned foreign securities."

The Financial Editor of the "Daily Telegraph" recently stated that the Government had learned that "very large amounts" of British funds invested in United States securities during the past few years, mainly for tax avoidance, have still not been reported to the authorities as required by the new Defence Regulations.

Silver Buying To Be Stopped

U.S. Senate Approves New Legislation

WASHINGTON, May 9 (Reuter).—The Senate to-night passed by 45 votes to 36 legislation to end the Administration's seven-year old policy of buying foreign silver.

Earlier the Senate had rejected the proposal by Senator Key Pittman to continue purchases but to require sellers to use the proceeds from the silver sales for buying United States farm products.

The Bill, which now goes to the House of Representatives, would terminate the authority for silver purchases granted to the President and Treasury under the Silver Purchase Act of 1934.

Mail Fraud Is Alleged

Another Sensational U.S. Indictment

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

NEW YORK, May 8 (UP).—Mr. Howard C. Hopson, former President of the billion dollar Associated Gas & Electric Company, together with three associates, was to-day indicted for mail fraud conspiracy charges.

The Federal Grand Jury accused them of defrauding investors of over $20,000,000.

They will be arraigned on Tuesday next.

NARVIK FIGHTING

Allies And Nazis Land More Men

London, May 9.

Further landings have taken place in Norway and operations are continuing slowly but normally, it is stated in French military circles. Contact has been made at all points with the Germans at Narvik who, although resisting, are gradually withdrawing before the Allied pressure.

The appalling weather conditions and poor communications are given as the reasons for the slow development.

Three or four German transport planes are rushing fresh troops and supplies all day to north Norway, according to *Svenska Dagbladet* which says the Germans landed parachute troops north of Bardu, 35 miles north-east of Narvik, in order to strike the Norwegian forces in the rear.

German air activity has increased further and they are continually bombing the Allies. Small R.A.F. units are bombing the German positions at Narvik. The entire railway from Narvik to the Swedish frontier is still in German hands.—*Reuter.*

Allied Transport Sunk?

A German High Command communique states.—"German pursuit planes attacked enemy naval units at Narvik and sunk q 7,000-ton transport with a medium calibre bomb. North of Narvik combat units repeatedly co-operated with the ground attacks and bombed troop columns and enemy batteries.

"The Air Force destroyed an enemy submarine in the Skager Rak with bombs."—*United Press.*

Hitler's New Order

Berlin, May 9.

"I have decided to permit the Norwegian soldiers taken prisoner to return to their homes," says Hitler in an Order of the Day.

"The German commanders in Norway have the highest praise for the Norwegian soldiers for their clean fighting. They shunned all cowardly and treacherous actions, which were common in Poland. They fought openly and honourably and treated German wounded and captured decently to the best of their ability."

Regular soldiers will be kept prisoners until certain conditions are fulfilled by the former Norwegian Government.—*United Press.*

Death For Spying

New Regulations Sent Before Commons

London, May 9.

The Home Secretary, Sir John Anderson, introduced the third reading of a bill in the Commons to-day providing for the death penalty in grave cases of espionage and sabotage. The regulations are also designed to check propaganda calculated to undermine the people's resolution in prosecuting the war to a successful issue.

Any person or association concerned with systematic publication calculated to bring opposition to prosecution of the war will be warned and if the warning is ignored, they are liable to seven years' penal servitude, or a fine of £500, or both.

The Bill gives extra powers to intern foreigners who are non-enemy aliens but who cannot be deported owing to the war and to control the entry of persons repatriated from enemy territory.

New regulations have been made empowering the Home Secretary, pending application to a higher Court, to direct that no further use shall be made of any printing press used for the production of documents in contravention of these regulations.—*Reuter Bulletin.*



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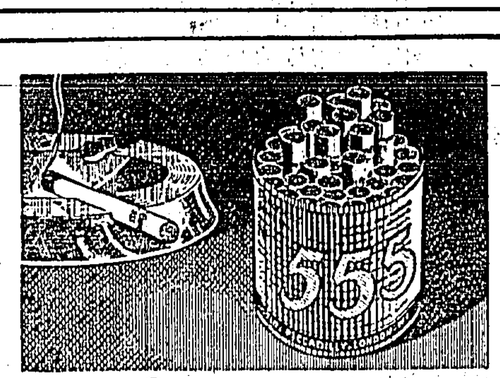
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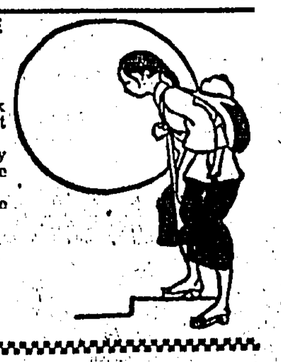
In order to continue its work, the Society appeals for the balance of $23,000 before the close of the financial year on 31st October.

A copy of the Annual Report for 1939 may be obtained from:

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"Captain Foster's" Racing Review

HEAVY ENTRIES FOR WHITSUN RACES

Whitsun Handicap

SAPPER-FAR VIEW DUEL CONTINUED

Strong Opposition Should Track Be Soft

WE ARE BOUND to have a nice field of good milers in the major event, the Whitsun Handicap, for Australian ponies of this season, and the first prize is worth $750 to the winner.

Far View, the progeny of Farr, heads the handicap list and is followed by Sapper another descendant of the same sire.

It is interesting to relate that Far View has met Mrs. Grasett's candidate three times, but the third contest of the rubber was won by Sapper. I do believe that the slippery grass track at the Easter session was not much appreciated by Far View and should the going be soft to-morrow, I am afraid that Far View with Mr. Pih in the saddle will suffer another defeat. Sapper will be ridden by Mr. Black.

Strong opposition is sure to come from Ascot Day (Mr. Chao), Australian Diamond (Mr. Wei), Contact (Mr. Davis) and Many Thanks (Mr. Proulx).

Ascot Day gave a most convincing exhibition in the Hobart Handicap when the mare clocked the mile in 1.45⅘ finishing on the bit against the present record of 1.44⅘. Australian Diamond is a good sprinter, and with an allowance of 10 lbs. under the scale the mare has a pull of 20 lbs. against Far View, which is not a small matter.

Mr. W. H. S. Davis, who has half shure interest in the stable (Ellandee), does not believe in too much racing, and in the circumstance Contact has only weighed out twice at the Annual Carnival. The mare by Double Court annexed the Perth Plate (first section) over a mile in great style, and he has to be considered for to-morrow's main event.

HANDICAP AGAINST?

MANY Thanks by Chocolate was not well trimmed for the annual meeting, but his last two successful outings were like a champion pony. Carrying the highest impost Mr. Reidy's candidate had no trouble to win the Broken Hill Handicap over six furlongs in 1.17⅘, the time being one two-fifths seconds slower than the existing record. On the strength of the performance the handicapper has allotted Many Thanks the weight for inches as per scale, and the gamble is whether Far View and Sapper can concede him a few pounds of the lead?

I cannot as yet make up my mind which is the best cob to have your money, but my final selections will appear to-morrow. A good race is assured.

Green Island Handicap Divided Into Three Sections: Special $5 Sweep on Third Division

VERY HEAVY NOMINATIONS have been received for the two days of the Whitsun Meeting to be held on May 11 and 13, the largest being 49 entries for the Green Island Handicap confined to "C" class China ponies. It was originally framed by the racing Stewards to divide the entries into two sections at the discretion of the handicapper, but in view of the number it has been decided to have three divisions.

However, it is one of the finest programmes ever presented to the public, for there are in all 20 handicap events of various distances from the 1½ mile post (about half mile 170 yards) to one and a half miles, the majority being long outings.

The Whitsun Handicap for Australian ponies of this season over a mile and the Whitsun Plate for China ponies over the champion course are the two big events, and the first prize of each is worth $750 to the winner.

As I write, heavy clouds are still hanging, but I am looking forward to the Clerk of the Weather to provide a nice and fast track. I hate to recall that the second day of the Whitsun Meeting of last year had to be postponed on account of the heavy downpour.

Saddling bell on the first day will be rung at 1.30 p.m., but on the second day it will be chimed at noon, and two events will be contested before tiffin. After lunch the third race, the Whitsun Plate, will be run at 2.30 p.m., saddling bell being at two o'clock.

The third section of the Green Island Handicap (which is an additional event) will be race No. 11 on the second day, and is to be run at 6.30 p.m. The Jockey Club is conducting a special $5 cash sweep on the said event, but attention of public is drawn to the fact that "all through" chances will not participate, and tickets can be purchased only at the Racecourse during the meeting.

BIG FIELDS EXPECTED

I EXPECT to see big fields because after the Whitsun session all winners during the season will be barred at the last meeting to be held on May 25. All will be out to pick up some silver dollars before the recess, in fact some ponies should have been turned out long ago.

Mr. Eric Moller's string of ponies has already returned to Shanghai for their summer holidays, but they will, of course, be back in time for the Hongkong St. Leger. Mr. C. B. Brown's Burford and a few star ponies (Confusion Bay and Mount Hope Bay) are grazing. Before the month is over the camps at Fanling and Macao will be full.

Shatin H'cap
First Section

SCRAMBLE FOR "D" CLASS CHINA PONIES

THE SHATIN HANDICAP (first section) for "D" class China raters is a scramble from the 1½ mile post (about half mile 170 yards) and anything may happen. It is reliably learned that Mr. Peter Wei has decided to take out This Time instead of Smiling Time, but I think the latter is better suited over this jaunt. I may be wrong, but we shall see how it works out to-morrow.

Personally I am of the opinion that Wilber has a good outside chance, as Mr. Bradbury's candidate has in the past proved to be a reliable speedy merchant over this course.

Portrush has a golden opportunity to atone for his failure in the "Hunchbacks" Handicap at the last meeting, and apart from the allowance given by the weight adjuster, the short run is to his liking. West Lake and Willynilly are dangerous, and either may break the tape first.

Shatin H'cap
Second Section

BIG FIELD MAY DEPEND ON THE START

THERE ARE TWENTY "D" class China ponies assigned to the second section of the Shatin Handicap, which is another fast run from the 1½ mile post, and a lot, of course, depends upon a good start.

Double Chance, Gold Coin, Jack O'Lantern, March Brown, Palmer, Talkative and Valorous have no objection to the gate business and they are first class starters. Double Chance, Gold Coin and Talkative have to cover their faces with blinkers, otherwise they will not run.

All three are looking extremely well and the first named steed should catch the judge's right eye.

If the grass track should be under water, please don't forget the old racer—Valorous.

The Daily Double

Question Of Stamina For First Leg

THE FIRST LEG of the daily double is on the Lead Mine Handicap (second section) for "C" class China ponies over the Derby course and it will be ridden by novices The inclusion of a few China pony griffins of this season will no doubt add a certain amount of interest in the event, but I would like to ask one question: "How many of them can last the distance?"

Soldier of Britain was called to the colours in 1934 and at that time the warrior was certainly good over a distance run, especially his success in the Hongkong St. Leger of that year. Although nicely weighted, I am inclined to believe that the owner of this Tommy Atkins will confine him in barracks so that he may have sufficient stamina and strength to accept the Green Island Handicap over a run less than five furlongs on Whit Monday.

Among the subscription griffins Celtic Star, the winner of 1939 Sports Club Cup, appeals to me as the winner, and Salvage Master (winner of 1938 Sub-griffins St. Leger) and Scenic View should fill the lower positions.

The Second Leg

WE SHOULD HAVE a good field of "C" class Australian ponies in the Bondi Handicap over 1½ miles, but there is not much quality among the lot of racers. Incidentally the Second Leg of the Daily Double is on this event, and it looks that punters may find it hard to get the other 'orse to complete the combination.

On paper Snowy River looks the good 'un, but the cream mare has lost a great deal of her dash and energy and it would be advisable to leave her out.

My best three are Centre Court, Roofify and Twilight Star and I expect them to cross the bar in that order.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

THE FIFTH EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held (weather permitting) at HAPPY VALLEY on **SATURDAY, 11th and MONDAY, 13th May, 1940, commencing at 2.00 p.m. on Saturday, and at 12.30 p.m. on Monday.**

The First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m. on the First Day and at 12.00 NOON on the Second Day. The Tiffin Interval will be after the second race (1.00 p.m.) on the Second Day.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE

The temporary green cardboard badges are now cancelled and will no longer procure admission to the Enclosure.

No One without a badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure. Such must be worn throughout the duration of each Meeting in such a manner as to be readily identified.

Badges admitting Non-Members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at $5.00 per day for Gentlemen and $3.00 per day for Ladies (both including tax) are obtainable through the SECRETARY upon the personal or written application of a Member, such Member to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him, and for Payment of all Chits, etc.

The Secretary's Office, 1st floor, Exchange Building, (Tel. 27704) will close at 11.45 a.m. on the First Day and at 10.45 a.m. on the Second Day.

Tiffins are obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy (Tel. 21020).

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The price of Admission to the Public Enclosure is $1.00 including Tax, for all Persons, including Ladies, and is payable at the Gate. Soldiers and Sailors in Uniform are admitted Half Price.

By Order,
C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 6th May, 1940.

SPORT ADVTS.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

NOTICE TO MEMBERS

FIFTH EXTRA RACE MEETING, GREEN ISLAND HANDICAP

2nd Day—Monday, 13th May

In view of the number of entries received for the above, it has been decided to divide the race into three sections.

The third section will be race No. 11 and run at 6.30 p.m.

A cash sweep, tickets $5 each, will be held on this race but "All through" chances will not participate, and tickets can be purchased only at the Race Course during the Meeting.

By Order of the Stewards,
C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 4th May, 1940.

Lead Mine H'cap (1st Sect.)

DIFFICULT CHOICE FOR FIRST EVENT

Gladiator or Rose-Queen May Solve Problem

THE CURTAIN RAISER will be the first section of the Lead Mine Handicap for "C" class China ponies over the Derby course of one and a half miles, and it will be ridden by jockeys who have not won ten races.

Spotting the winner is not easy, as we have to find which ponies can last the distance. There are a few stayers in this bunch, but believe me they have lost a great deal of their prowess.

The two best, in my opinion, are Gladiator and Rose-Queen, but they are getting no younger. The former is hopeless on a muddy course. In his prime Gladiator was considered in 1934 as the best minion from the "Hem" stable, but the pony with Mr. Johnnie up finished down the course, and the heavy going was responsible for its failure in the Hongkong Derby.

In the following year Rose-Queen with Mr. Needa in the saddle succumbed to Herod in the Hongkong Derby by half a length, but can the mare be trusted to give us a carbon copy of 1935's classic performance?

Of the subscription ponies, Rose Evelyn is the only China steed that had won a distance event, namely, the Subscription St. Leger in 1936, but I have reason to say that the mare is not in her own.

Guinness Time and Musketeer have good sporting chances, but the latter is a hard puller, and I am afraid that Mr. K. F. Chiu will not be able to hold him.

I hear that Galveston Bay will be Mr. Treverton's mount while Boolat Bay will be ridden by his owner—Mr. S. W. Lee. It looks that Galveston Bay will give Mr. Treverton a nice ride, and bring him out of the novice class.



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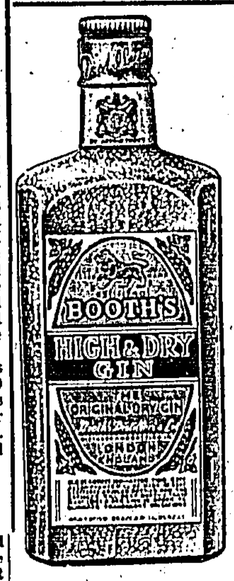
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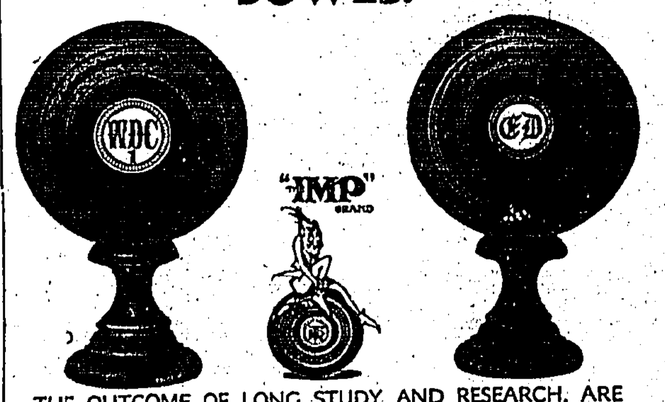


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WITHDRAWALS FROM BASKETBALL LEAGUE

South China Refuse Petition for Stadium

(By "GUARD")

A BOMBSHELL was dropped by the "A" and "B" cagers of South China on Wednesday, on the occasion of the commencement of the basketball season. When their names were called for their matches, the captains of both teams announced their intention of withdrawing from the League, but declined to give any reasons.

No explanation was given until yesterday, when most of the Chinese newspapers published an open letter signed by the players in which were given their reasons for their withdrawal.

It appears that the basketballers wish to profit by South China's "fat" year to ask for a new stadium, the cost of which was estimated at roughly $1,700, and have addressed a petition to the Association, which petition was ignored.

Eastern have also withdrawn their team from the League. Their reason, it seems, is that most of their players are only temporarily transferred from their Shanghai offices and they may be called back at a moment's notice. Eastern will not then be able to put up a team.

LEAGUE DIVIDED

THE LEAGUE has been divided into two sections, First and Second Divisions. Matches will be played at the Chinese Y.M.C.A. every Wednesday and Saturday, the first and third being Second Division matches at 6.15 and 8.15 p.m., and the second will be of the First Division commencing at 7.15.

On Wednesday in the Second Division, Rainbow trounced Ching Mo 42-29 in an exciting encounter marked by some clever centre-pivotal play. Chan Ho scored 14 points for his side and gave an excellent performance. Tsui Faiyuen tallied 11 points and lent Chan valuable support to carry their side to an easy victory.

Ching Mo was best served by Chan Kwong-ying who scored 14 points for them.

Junior Champions Will Try Once More

ONCE MORE, the present joint champions of the Junior Cricket League will endeavour to play-off to decide the sole winners of the Shield. The Police and the Indian R.C. 2nd XI meet on Sunday on the latter's ground at 2 p.m.

Warwick Farm H'cap

Good Race For The Australians

THE WARWICK FARM HANDICAP for Australian ponies of this season (winners of $1,000 or more in stakes, barred) should produce a good fight between Australian Prince, Rowan and Springhurst, and the run is over the champion course.

Rowan is my fancy, for the mare, although beaten by Fair Chance, showed up well in the Canterbury Park Handicap.

I think that Australian Prince and Springhurst are not stayers.

Spencer Handicap

Income Tax Should Win

INCOME TAX, the property of Taxpayer, must be respected as the best 'un for the last event, the Spencer Handicap, confined to "D" class Australian ponies, over a course from the two mile post, once round and in. He is on the same level with Shuttlecock, but I am afraid that the distance may be too long for the latter. Brown Derby should follow behind.

Stonecutters H'cap

Eve Of Reason And Hughber Well Tuned

ON PAPER Gay Star (Mr. Hearne) should have an easy passage in the Stonecutters Handicap over 1¼ miles for China pony griffins of this season, but it would be advisable for the mare to keep a sharp look-out for Eve of Reason and Hughber, both are well tuned to concert pitch.

Hillsboro Bay has been set to carry only 140 lbs., and if Mr. Needa can get down to the scale, the combination is worth following for the first position in the semaphore outside the judge's box.

Cottage Club Paper Hunt On Saturday

THE COTTAGE CLUB paper-hunt for the Flying Dutchman Cup will be held on Saturday at 4 p.m. The meet will be at Sheungshui cross-roads. The Flying Dutchman himself will not fly, as he has broken a wing, but he wishes good luck to all riders.

This will probably be the last hunt of the season.

Ponies will be drawn for at the Club at 3.30 p.m. and transport will be provided to the meet.

Fanling Golf

Mrs. Shrigley Qualifies For Captain's Cup

MRS. SHRIGLEY qualified for the Captain's Cup Competition, in the Ladies' Section of the Royal Hongkong Golf Club, when she returned a card of 103-30=73 over the New Course, at Fanling, during the April qualifying round.

MEDAL CARDS

In the Club Medal Competition, Bronze Division, Mrs. Margrett on April 2 returned the best card, 100-25=75. There were no entries in the Silver Division.

The Captain's Cup Competition will be played at Happy Valley during the months of May, June, July, August and September. The full course is now open at Happy Valley.

Giants Trounce Pirates

NEW YORK, May 9 (UP).—New York Giants trounced the Pittsburgh Pirates 17-6 in a National League baseball match to-day. Complete scores of games played were:

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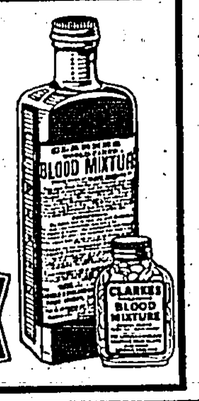
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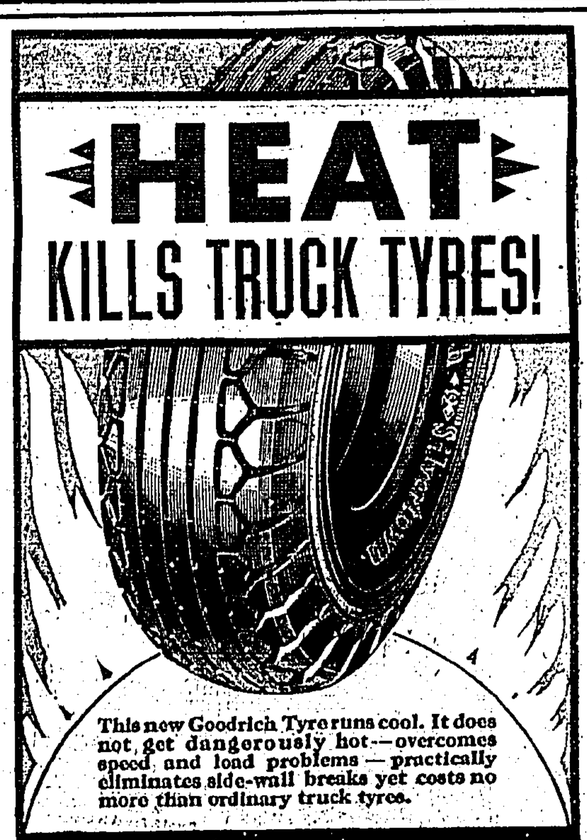


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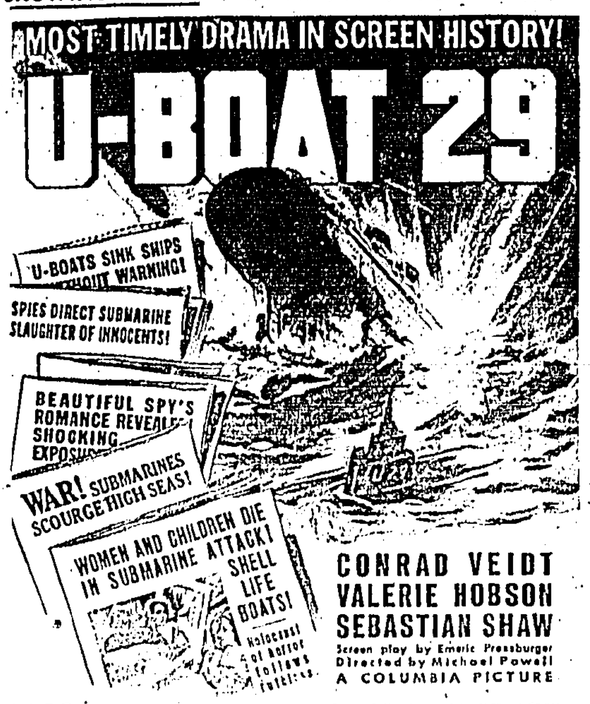
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FOUND WARSHIP

TEN of the 65 British volunteers for Finland who were caught in Oslo by the German invasion have got back to Britain. Forty-six are known to have escaped to Stockholm, and the remaining nine, according to the Finnish Aid Bureau in London, are safe.

Two boys who have reached London told how they bluffed their way out of Oslo and hitchhiked across Norway until they came upon a British warship in a fjord.

Neil Munro, a devil-may-care London medical student, and Jack Smith, a Norwich clerk, were both 17 when they joined the British volunteer force to Finland.

THE FUN BEGAN

When they arrived peace had just been signed. So with 300 others they handed over their rifles and revolvers, and "chumming up" with two of the band, 40-years-old W. H. Tosh, a Scotsman living in Devon, and L. R. Thompson, of Camden Town, they started back for home.

"The fun began when our train was nearing Oslo," Munro said at his home at Southgate, N. "We heard a great roaring of aeroplane engines, and, looking out of the windows, we saw a flock of bombers. 'Great Scott!' I yelled, 'they're German!'

"The train went on, and ran into Oslo Station. Talk about excitement! The place was in a ferment.

"We saw the first 400 Germans march into the town. They looked to us rather a weedy lot, and dull-looking.

"We four agreed to make a dash for it—and what a game it was!

"You see, we couldn't muster a word of Norwegian between us, but we had an inspiration. As we went along we laughed and gesticulated and cried out the names on shops and any word that was big enough to catch our eye without our having to look about.

Norwegians Helped

"You can guess how we startled the Norwegians, for our pronunciation must have sounded absolutely crazy.

"Presently we hailed a chap who was driving a large car, and I pretended to be an American. He didn't understand my American, though—but he said he knew English! I said, 'Well, will you give us a lift?' 'Certainly,' he said, 'jump in.'

"A mile or two out we found the road blocked by German guards.

"We left the talking to our Norwegian friend, and jabbered our own kind of Norwegian in the back of the car. Thank goodness—those Nazis didn't know much more Norwegian than we did.

"We were lucky enough to get several good lifts on the way to Trondheim. But we had to tramp about 150 miles before we reached a spot on the coast where we got on board a British warship.

"It was Saturday morning—four days after we started—that we reached the coast and saw two British warships in the fjord.

"After a few days there we were transferred to another ship and taken to Scotland."

Girl Called 'Killers' Guardian Angel

NEW YORK.

A CLUE to the murder of beer baron "Dutch" Schultz, five years ago, is believed to have been found during investigation of a Brooklyn "cash and bury syndicate." Already fifteen murders have been solved during the investigation.

Confessions by twelve of the syndicate's alleged killers, who were arrested last week, are said to reveal that powerful bootlegging, dope and other criminal gangs in New York used the syndicate for years to liquidate "unwanted" people.

It is suggested that Schultz was one of these victims.

He was one of the most powerful and most heavily guarded of New York's gang leaders, but he was shot down in a New Jersey bar room.

The Brooklyn District Attorney, Mr. William O'Dwyer, announced that he has ordered the arrest of two more alleged members of the syndicate on charges of first degree murder.

Abe Reles, said to be one of the most important members of the syndicate, is reported to have been persuaded by his wife to turn State witness.

Further clues, according to Mr. O'Dwyer, are expected to be given by three girls, one of whom is described by the police as "a most expensive and attractive dresser." Mr. O'Dwyer will not tell their names.

A wave of fear is running through the underworld, and is expected to result in the greatest mass "squealing" in gangster history.

A middle-aged, motherly looking woman, Mrs. Lena Frosch, is described by Mr. O'Dwyer as the "guardian angel of the killers."

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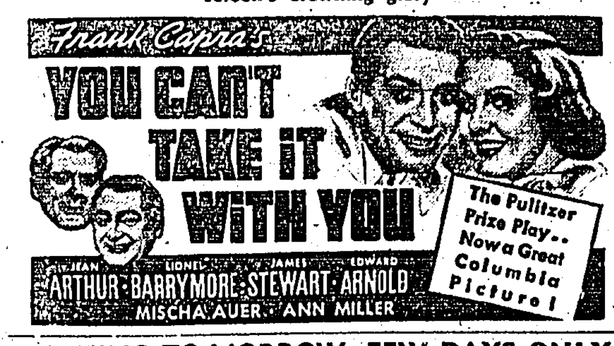
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Manila, May 9.

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All the cargo has been unloaded but the marshal of the Prize Court has asked the general average bond and deposit to be signed by the Manila consignees. The court may permit the sale of the damaged cargo in Hongkong.—*United Press.*

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Premier Advised To Resign

By H. L. PERCY
("UNITED PRESS" STAFF CORRESPONDENT)

LONDON, May 10 (UP).—The majority of Members of Parliament with whom I talked last night adhere to the conviction that the Chamberlain Government is doomed.

Its survival could be prolonged for only a brief period.

A group of rebel Conservatives have already discussed with Mr. Chamberlain the question of his resignation, and have advised him to offer his services under another Prime Minister.

Three Possible Courses

Several courses are open to Mr. Chamberlain if he sees His Majesty the King.

1.—He may resign outright, leaving it up to the Labour Party or, if they refuse or fail, to the Liberal Party to form a Cabinet.

2.—He may tender the resignation of himself and members of the Cabinet to the King, and form an entirely new Cabinet.

3.—He may resign and suggest to His Majesty that some other prominent Conservative, such as Lord Halifax or Mr. Churchill, form a new Cabinet.

The third course seems the most likely one Mr. Chamberlain will adopt.

Labour Party's Reluctance

The Parliamentary Labour Party is reluctant to form a Government and the Opposition Liberals are too weak to gain any substantial following in the House.

The likeliest development is that Lord Halifax will become Premier (with a seat in the House of Lords) and Mr. Churchill leader in the House of Commons.

The Opposition, however, is almost certain to object to the Premier sitting in the House of Lords and Mr. Churchill may, therefore, become Premier.

If Mr. Chamberlain resigns outright, the only two possible contestants for the Premiership appear to be Lord Halifax and Mr. Churchill.

Churchill Favoured

It is believed that the Labour Opposition would agree to join a War Ministry under Mr. Churchill. It is pointed out, however, that the sanction of the Labour Party Conference, which opens at Bournemouth on Monday, must be obtained before Labour Members can join a Coalition Government.

The conference would be largely influenced by the decision of the Executive Committee.

The next 48 hours will be the most potential period.

Germans Warned

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BERLIN, May 9 (UP).—The "Hamburger Fremdenblatt" warns German readers that the impending resignation of Mr. Chamberlain will mean an "intensification of the British drive to spread the war."

"English mentality for the first eight months of war has been characterised by increasing eagerness."

European Reported Missing

Captain Andre Kella aged 52 of 30 Mody Road, Kowloon was reported missing to the police last night.

When he left home shortly after dinner on Monday night, he told his niece, Miss Sheila Haines, that he was going to his ship. He has not been seen since.

Captain Kella is of medium build with fair hair and grey eyes. He was dressed in a dark tweed suit when he left his home.



Lieut.-Com. J. H. Forbes, captain of the submarine Spearfish, which torpedoed the Nazi pocket-battleship Admiral Scheer.

CRISIS IN HOLLAND FLARES UP

New And Ominous Developments

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

AMSTERDAM, May 10 (UP).—New and ominous developments are occurring in the Netherlands to-night.

They coincide with a flood of fresh rumours which are impossible to verify.

The Government suddenly cut off all incoming telephone and telegraph communications and, without warning, the Army took control of all wires.

"United Press" was informed at 11 p.m. (6 a.m. H.K.T.) that the measure would become effective immediately.

No communications are now permitted except by cable service.

All locks in the Amsterdam canal area were closed at nightfall under orders from the authorities.

A.A. Guns In Action

The series of Government precautions culminated at 2.41 a.m. (0.41 a.m. H.K.T.) with dramatic action on the part of Amsterdam's anti-aircraft guns.

The roar of approaching airplanes was distinctly heard in the residential districts of southern Amsterdam.

Searchlights immediately crisscrossed the sky and A.A. guns opened fire from several points at 2.41 a.m.

Firing ceased five minutes later.

LETTERS

Answers To Correspondents

REGULAR READER: April 20 1889, fell on a Saturday. September 30, 1889 fell on a Monday. Whit Monday, 1930, fell on June 9.—Ed.

SOCIALISTS WILLING TO JOIN NATIONAL CABINET IF CHAMBERLAIN GOES

LONDON, MAY 9 (REUTER).—"REUTER'S" PARLIAMENTARY CORRESPONDENT LEARNS THAT TO-DAY'S DEVELOPMENTS, ACCELERATED BY YESTERDAY'S SPEECHES IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS, ARE CONSIDERED TO MAKE THE DEPARTURE OF MR. NEVILLE CHAMBERLAIN ALMOST CERTAIN.

The most likely names from whom the new Premier will be selected are considered late to-night to be Lord Halifax (now Foreign Secretary,) Mr. Winston Churchill (First Lord of the Admiralty and Chairman of the Committee in charge of military operations) and Mr. Lloyd George (Premier in the last World War.)

CHURCHILL FAVOURED

For various reasons, including possible complications arising from the fact that Lord Halifax is a member of the House of Lords, the most likely selection is felt to be Mr. Churchill.

Although decision about Labour participation is a matter for Party conference, it is believed that Labour would serve under Mr. Churchill.

LABOUR'S REBUFF

Mr. C. R. Attlee, the Leader of the Labour Opposition, and Mr. Arthur Greenwood, the Deputy Leader, visited the Prime Minister at 10 Downing Street this evening.

It is understood that at the meeting Mr. Chamberlain asked them whether they were prepared to serve in a reconstructed Government under his leadership.

If not, it is learned, they were asked whether they were prepared to serve under the leadership of another member of the Conservative Party.

"REUTER" LEARNS THAT THE REPLY OF THE LABOUR LEADERS WAS THAT SERVICE UNDER THE PRIME MINISTER WAS IMPOSSIBLE.

THAT IS ALSO THE VIEW HELD BY THE OPPOSITION LIBERAL PARTY.

Whether or not the Labour Party will be prepared to join an All-Party government under other leadership will be finally decided by the Party executive at Bournemouth to-morrow.

WILLING TO RESIGN

The form of the questions put to the Labour leaders is taken as a clear indication that the Prime Minister is now willing to resign if such an action would lead to the formation of a new National Government satisfactory to all parties.

The Rt. Hon. Mr. C. R. Attlee and Mr. Arthur Greenwood (Labour) were 45 minutes with the Prime Minister.

Lord Halifax and Mr. Winston Churchill were present at the interview.

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LABOUR FAVOURS LLOYD GEORGE

By Frederick Kuh
("UNITED PRESS" STAFF CORRESPONDENT)

LONDON, May 9 (UP).—A prominent member of the Parliamentary Labour Party informed me to-night that Mr. Lloyd George would be the most suitable man for the Premiership from the Labour point of view.

He admitted, however, that such a selection would encounter stiff opposition from the Conservatives, and this opposition would prove decisive.

Labour's next best choice, he said, was Mr. Churchill, but Labour's acceptance of office under Lord Halifax should not be ruled out.

Liberal members express almost identical views.

Disastrous Flights

Nazis Lose Planes Over Britain

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, May, 10 (UP).—Reconnaissance and mine-laying flights by German machines over England and Scotland proved disastrous for the invaders to-day, two machines being brought down.

A Dornier "fighting pencil" was brought down fourteen miles off a north-eastern Scottish coast town after attempting to reconnoitre inland.

Spitfires took to the air as soon as the Dornier was reported to be approaching and caught up with the invader after it had crossed the coast-line.

Pilot Drowned

The German made a desperate effort to escape, but was brought down within a few minutes.

One of the pilots jumped with his parachute as his machine was falling in flames and landed in the sea.

The British pilots signalled for a boat to put out to rescue the German, who had disengaged himself from the parachute.

Before the lifeboat could arrive, however, the German sank from view.

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LL. GEORGE TOLD OFF

Lively Verbal Duel In The Commons

LONDON, May 9 (Reuter).—The House of Commons has adjourned until May 21.

In the course of a number of subjects discussed before the adjournment, Mr. Beverley Baxter, the Conservative M.P., appealed to Mr. Lloyd George to be more helpful to the Administration and not so brilliantly mischievous. He blamed Mr. Lloyd George for the part he played in the complicated situation of the last few years.

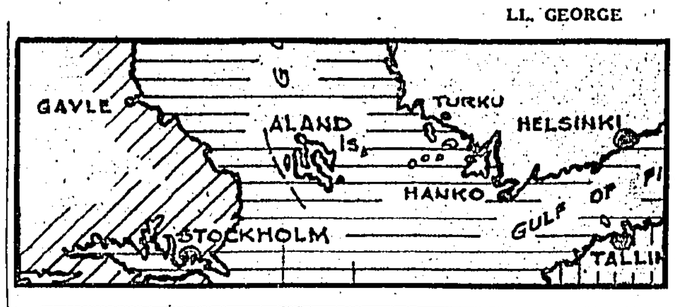
Referring to Mr. Lloyd George's press writings, he said he gave the madman Hitler encouragement at every critical moment.

Please Reform, Appeal

Mr. Baxter was of the opinion that Mr. Lloyd George was too big a man to use the foreign press to disparage the Government and asked Mr. Lloyd George whether, even at his age, he would consider reforming.

Mr. Lloyd George, replying, defend-

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Allies Tighten Grip In North Norway

NAZIS RETREAT FROM NARVIK

By PETER RHODES
(UNITED PRESS STAFF CORRESPONDENT)

KIRUNA, Norwegian Border, May 9 (UP).—The German forces east of Narvik are retreating toward the Swedish frontier.

Only nine miles separate two Allied and Norwegian columns, which are driving down the mountains on Bjordfjuell, where the Narvik railway to the Swedish iron ore mines in Kiruna cuts through the mountains into Sweden.

Should these two forces close across the valley through which the vital railway passes, the German garrison in Narvik will be completely isolated, and a final assault on the port can be expected to follow at once.

Allied Advance

The Allied and Norwegian forces appear to have made considerable progress from the north and have now captured all the ridges dominating the German positions along the railway.

Additionally, Elvergard and Moen, at the foot of Herjangs Fjord, have been re-captured by Allied forces.

The Norwegians, reinforced by skilled French Alpine ski troops, have spent the past ten days mopping up the Germans on the ridges dominating the railway. This task is now completed.

Simultaneously, another Allied force has landed at Elvergaard and is now toiling over Stocstein Mountain towards the southern ridge of dominating Bjordfjuell heights.

Nazis Fly Reinforcements

Best reports available on the frontier indicate that the Germans have been reinforced by approximately 1,000 troops who have been flown to Narvik by transport plane since the first landing. This would make the total Nazi defence force in Narvik only 5,000 men.

Because of increased Allied air activity in the north, it is no longer a paying proposition for reinforcements to be flown to Narvik and the Germans there can look for no further aid.

The Germans have about 100 planes operating in the Narvik area.

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Anti-Nazi Feelings Harden

Striking Report By Church Committee

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

EDINBURGH, May 10 (UP).—That British feeling—as expressed recently by Mr. Anthony Eden, Mr. Duff Cooper and others—is hardening against the German people is reflected in the Report of the Committee of the Church and Nation. The Report will be tabled at General Assembly of the Church of Scotland on May 21.

The Report states that it is becoming increasingly difficult to draw any real distinction between the rulers of Germany and the German people.

Solidly Behind Hitler

"While there are, without doubt, many in Germany who have no respect for the present regime, it is true to say that, as a whole, the people seem to be solidly behind Hitler in this war."

One of the post-war problems, the report continues, will be how to help to change the spirit of present-day Germany.

"The German people permitted their present rulers to reach power without effective protest or opposition.

"Hitler is not an isolated phenomenon. He is an exaggerated representative of the strain under which Germany labours.

"The German people must be regarded as being possessed by a spirit of evil."

Lack Of A.A. Guns Cause Of Failure In Norway

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

PARIS, May 9 (UP).—The lack of anti-aircraft guns in Norway is blamed by M. Koht, the Norwegian Foreign Minister, for the failure of the Allied and Norwegian forces to hold the German advance.

"We could have easily held the Germans if we had had sufficient A.A. guns to keep their planes away," he said.

"Do not believe that we are despairing over what has happened.

"The Norwegian Army is not quitting and will continue to fight every inch of the way.

"Our King and the Crown Prince never have had any idea of leaving the country. They are still in Norway and there they intend to remain.

Not a Setback

"It is a mistake to look on the tactical withdrawal from south Norway as a setback.

"The Allies are still in control at Narvik. French troops are predominant there now because they were the first to arrive.

"Allied strategy is not going to be tricked by Germany's attempts to force us to withdraw too many fighting troops from Europe, where the main battlefront will remain until victory.

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There will be one collection from the pillar boxes as on Sundays and one delivery of registered and ordinary correspondence at 10 a.m.

The Branch Post Offices at Stanley, Tai Po and Un Long will also have one delivery of ordinary correspondence at 11.00 a.m.

The Money Order Office will be entirely closed.

INWARD MAILS

Canton May 10.
Manila May 10.
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Canton May 11.
Japan and Shanghai May 11.

OUTWARD MAILS
Friday, May 10

Bangkok 12.30 p.m.
Haiphong 2.00 p.m.
Tourane and Bangkok 7.00 p.m.

Saturday, May 11

Saigon, Ceylon, India, East and South Africa, Egypt and Europe Via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 7th June.

G.P.O. and K.P.O.

Reg. May 11, 11.15 a.m.
Ord. May 11, Noon.
Straits Noon.

Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, U.S.A., Central and South America and Canada via San Francisco (No Parcels for Canada only)—due San Francisco, 29th May.

G.P.O. and K.P.O.

Parcels May 11, Noon.
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Ord. May 11, 2 p.m.

Air Mail for "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due London 19th May.

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Sunday, May 12

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Monday, May 13

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Hongkong, 8th May, 1940.

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NOTICE OF GENERAL MEETING

The Fifty-ninth Ordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held at the Offices of the General Managers, Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., Pedder Street, Hong Kong, on **Thursday, 30th May, 1940, at noon,** for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, passing the Accounts, and electing Directors and Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 23rd May to 13th June inclusive.

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Hongkong, 16th April, 1940.

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Notice to Shareholders

The Fifty-Ninth Ordinary Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the undersigned on **Wednesday, the 22nd May, 1940, at Noon,** for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Agents, together with a statement of Accounts for the year ended the **31st December, 1939.**

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 8th May to the 22nd May, 1940, both days inclusive.

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General Agents.

Hongkong, 1st May, 1940.

G. R.

PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on **Tuesday, the 14th** day of **May, 1940, at 3 p.m.,** at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Sham-shuipo, in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 75 years, commencing from 1st July, 1898, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 24 years less the last three days thereof.

Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, ($200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements N.	S.	E.	W.	Contents in sq. feet	Annual Rental.	Upset Price
2	Kowloon Inland Lot No. 4254.	Junction of Tong Mi Road and Aman Street, Mong Kok.	feet	feet	feet	feet	Abont 18,970	$ 348	$ 33,198
			as per sale plan.						

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3	New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 2791.	Junction of Yen Chou Street & Un Chau Street, Shamshuipo.	feet	feet	feet	feet	About 12,850	$ 256	$ 25,760
			as per sale plan.						

WHAT ARE WE FIGHTING FOR?

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Lot No.	Storers.		Cargo.	Date Stored	Order of.
G 25151	Kae Shean & Co.	1	Bale Cardboard	11/7/31	—
25268	Kae Shean & Co.	6	Bales Strawboard	9/8/31	—
J 26872	Ching Fong Chong & Co.	79	Bags Cotton Gloves	24/6/36	—
H 30849	Meezon & Co.	4	Cases Pencils	2/6/37	—
J 27077	Kong Kee & Co., Ltd.	18	Casks Retorts	23/7/36	—
G 02603	Tai Hing	1	Case Cotton Goods	6/1/31	—
J 27054	Tack Wo Kung Kee Dyestuff Co.	2	Casks Dyes	29/9/36	—
27056	Tack Wo Kung Kee Dyestuff Co.	1	Cask Dyes	29/9/36	—
27800	Tack Wo Kung Kee Dyestuff Co.	1	Drum Sod. Sulphate	21/10/36	—
27814	Tack Wo Kung Kee Dyestuff Co.	8	Drums Sod. Sulphate	25/10/36	—
28201	Tack Wo Kung Kee Dyestuff Co.	100	Drums Sulphur Black	27/1/39	—
G 25916	Wing Hong	20	Cases Hosiery Wool	29/10/31	—
26094	Wing Hong	3	Cases Hosiery Wool	4/12/31	—
H 28203	Leung Yui Wing	1	Box Cinema Films	15/4/35	—
28217	Leung Yui Wing	1	Box Cinema Films	24/4/35	—
H 29894	Tam Yui Lin	1	Case Machinery	23/9/36	—
31100	Tung Sing & Co.	3	Cases Rayon Goods	14/7/37	—
31351	Tin Tao & Co.	5	Pkges. Match Machine	21/8/37	—
31599	Tin Tao & Co.	10	Pkges. Match Machine	10/10/37	—
29739	Kwanan Trading Co.	8	Cases Water Bottles	7/8/36	—
F 38022	Canton Trading Assn.	2	Cases Packing	9/3/26	Nederlandsche Handel Maatschappij
G 39459	Canton Trading Assn.	2	Cases Medicines	25/4/32	—
F 45261	Hongkong Import & Export Co.	1	Case Perfumery	22/10/28	—
G 44747	Hongkong Import & Export Co.	1	Case Talcum Powder	9/6/29	—
23074	Toa Trading Co., Canton	2	Cases Gauze	20/9/30	—
25869	Toa Trading Co., Canton	1	Case Printed Matter	22/1/31	Nippon Yusen Kaisha
30687	Yokohama Specie Bank	1	Case Asb. Sheets	9/12/29	—
30688	Yokohama Specie Bank	1	Case Asb. Sheets	9/12/29	—
67978	N. S. Moses & Co., Ltd.	14	Cases Goldstone	4/6/31	—
H 33315	Hirata & Co, Canton	3	Cases Waterproof Cloth	15/3/33	Nippon Yusen Kaisha
46011	Hirata & Co., Canton	7	Cases Fasteners	2/8/37	Nippon Yusen Kaisha
33457	Muller & Phipps, Ltd.	3	Cases Prepared Food	28/3/33	—
35877	Chartered Bank of India	1	Case Disinfectant	11/12/33	—
37864	Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., Agents, "Glen" Line	51	Pkges. Sanitary Ware	21/8/34	Manufacturers Bank of China
40488	Capt. Godinez	1	Case Horse Races	27/6/35	—
42520	Kawamura & Co., Canton	1	Case Instruments	24/2/36	—
42911	Stard & Co., Canton	1	Crate Kettle	20/4/36	Nippon Yusen Kaisha
43373	Central European Trading Co., Canton	3	Bales Woollen Yarn	9/7/36	—
43465	Central European Trading Co., Canton	60	Pkges. Asb. Sheets	21/7/36	—
43775	Central European Trading Co., Canton	4	Cases Band Steel	10/7/36	—
H 43867	Central European Trading Co., Canton	1	Case Machine	12/9/36	—
44222	Central European Trading Co., Canton	1	Case Machine	14/11/36	—
45029	Giko Yoko, Canton	5	Cases Lamp Cord	27/6/37	Nippon Yusen Kaisha
45017	T Eyaki	1	Case Glass Bottles	23/7/37	Yokohama Specie Bank, Ltd.
G 13255	Hongkong Trading Co.	2	Cases Turpentine	16/4/32	—
H 12223	Wing Cheong & Co.	2	Cases Port Wine	31/12/33	—
13484	Wing Cheong & Co.	2	Cases Vermouth	15/8/34	—
E 14421	J. M. Noronha	2	Drums Rect. Alcohol	4/10/24	—
F 14688	Lammert Bros.	28	Cases Wine	12/1/29	—
14689	Lammert Bros.	26	Cases Wine	12/1/29	—
G 13473	Honwan Trading Co., Canton	1	Case Beer	9/6/32	—
H 11033/6	Ko Chi Cheung	8	Cases Brandy, etc.	16/6/33	—
17904	San Martino Co.	8	Cases Wine	30/5/36	—
H 00192	World Tobacco Co.	6	Cases Cigarettes	30/6/37	—
G 7983	Heung Wah	2	Cases Cigarettes	29/5/36	—
G 8203	Ping Kee	15	Tins Dyes	1/8/36	—
G 4471	Yee Kee On	4	Cases Thermos	4/6/34	—

Hongkong, 6th May, 1940.

C. M. MANNERS,
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HOUSE ADJOURNS

London, May 9.

The House adjourned to May 21, but the Lord Chancellor is authorised to convoke it at 24 hours notice.

Mr. Chamberlain had a busy morning. He did not have his usual work but spent the morning at Downing Street consulting his advisers, among whom was Lord Halifax. Great crowds cheered as he left for Parliament.

Mr. Chamberlain answered a number of questions in the House and declared that he was prepared to have a general debate on the situation after May 21.—*United Press.*

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12.30 Kitty Masters (Vocal) and Roy Fox and His Orchestra.

1.00 Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.03 Charlie Kunz at the Piano.

1.13 Primo Scala's Accordeon Band.

1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 The Bohemians, Frances Langford and Flanagan and Allen.

2.15 Close Down.

6.00 An Hour of Dance Music.

7.00 Closing Local Stock Quotations.

7.02 Muriel Brunskill (Contralto) and The Scottish Country Dance Orchestra.

7.15 London Relay—"The Voice of the Nazi":—"What the German Hears."

Talk by Professor W. A. Sinclair.

7.30 London Relay—The News.

8.00 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 Short Mozart Programme.

Rondo (from Serenade in D Major "Haffner"), Fritz Kreisler (Violin) with Piano accomp. by Franz Rupp; Overture "Cosi Fan Tutte", The B. B. C. Symphony Orchestra cond. by Sir Adrian Boult.

8.15 Studio—Recital by Gaston D'Aquino (Tenor) with E. O'Neil Shaw at the Piano.

1. (a) Il Mio Tesoro Intanto ("Don Giovanni"—Mozart), (b) So Il Mio Nome ("The Barber of Seville"—Rossini); 2. (a) Morning (Tchaikowsky), (b) Jeanie with the Light Brown Hair (Stephen Foster), (c) Oft in the Stilly Night (Trad.) Irish Air); 3. (a) Mattinata (Tosti), (b) Luna d'Estate (Tosti).

8.40 Compositions of Elgar.

9.15 London Relay—News Summary.

9.30 London Relay—"World Affairs."

9.45 A Request Classical Programme.

11.00 Close Down.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange Official Summary issued yesterday says:

The quiteness in the market remains undisturbed.

Buyers

H.K. Banks $1,485
Docks Cum Rts $21
Sinceres $2.30
Wm Powell $1.30
Entertainments $7.30

Sellers

H.K. Banks $1,500
Lands $37
Electrics $64½

Sales

Docks Rts $61½
Hotels $4.35/20
Trams $17.40
Star Ferries $64
Telephones (Old) $28
Telephones (New) $10.20
Chinese Estates $103½

MAGAZINE PAGE

THE WORLD'S SHYEST MONARCH

Is King Haakon of Norway, whose brother is King of Denmark and whose wife is Princess Maud of Wales. His son (Crown Prince Olav) was born in England.

KING HAAKON VII, the giant 6-foot 4-inch sailor who is first to occupy the Throne of modern Norway, is Europe's least known, least publicised and shyest reigning Monarch.

The only King to whom he had to concede any inches was his own brother, Christian X of Denmark. With him he shared the reputation of being the most democratic monarch even in a Europe shorn of all but a few of the glittering royal courts of pre-war years.

When members of reigning houses in some parts of Europe never left their palaces without solid lines of bayonets to guard them, Haakon of Norway and Christian of Denmark walked abroad daily among their subjects entirely unguarded.

In fact, the gigantic stature of the two Scandinavian brothers made them both so conspicuous in any crowd that they were constant sources of anxiety to the detectives assigned to protect them when they visited foreign capitals.

Haakon, like Christian, hates the kind of protection normally accorded to royalty and refuses to be guarded when at home in Oslo.

Unlike his brother, however, Haakon VII was not a familiar figure among his subjects. The reason for this was his lifelong shyness, not any hankering after formality.

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BORN a Dane, of the ruling house of Schleswig-Holstein-Sonderburg-Glucksburg which has supplied Europe with more sovereigns than almost any family except the Bourbons, Haakon was elected first King of Norway when its tough, sea-faring, mountaineering people broke away from union with Sweden in 1905.

His unassuming, democratic rule enabled him, in the face of occasional awkward snubs from the Norwegian Socialists, to retain his kingdom at a time when some of Europe's greatest monarchies were crashing or shorn of all but a shadow of their former power.

King Haakon was born on August 3, 1872, at Charlottenlund Palace in Denmark. He was christened Christian Fredrik Karl Georg Waldemar Axel and was known as Prince Karl. His father was Crown Prince Fredrik, afterwards King Fredrik VIII of Denmark.

As the younger son of a not-too-wealthy family, Prince Karl was brought up in an unpretentious manner.

His only apparent chance of becoming a reigning monarch was in the very unlikely event of his brother Christian—two years older than himself—dying.

Consequently, when he was still a small boy, Prince Karl was entered as a cadet in the Danish navy.



IN the very democratic life of a Danish warship Prince Karl found that royal birth was, if anything, a disadvantage.

His fellow-cadets took it on themselves to guard against any signs of "uppishness" on his part.

He had to scrub decks, swarm up masts into the rigging, mend his own socks and sleep in a hammock wearing nothing but a sailor's woollen striped undershirt, with his clothes rolled under his head as a pillow.

He spent all his early manhood in the navy and had only reached the rank of lieutenant when he left it to become king.

In the middle nineties rumour was busy in the courts of Europe, searching for a likely consort for the youthful, still unmarried Queen Wilhelmina of the Netherlands.

By common consent Prince Karl of Denmark was considered as promising a candidate as any and he was shipped off to The Hague to make himself known at the Dutch court.

According to report, he got as far as teaching Queen Wilhelmina to play chess, but apart from that made no real effort to make himself agreeable and came back to Copenhagen without a bride.

The real reason for this backwardness, however, was that he had already made the acquaintance of the lady of his choice, Princess Maud of Wales, youngest and, it was generally agreed, best looking of the daughters of the Prince of Wales, afterwards King Edward VII.

She was his first cousin, since her mother—afterwards Queen Alexandra was sister of the Prince's father.

Their engagement was announced shortly afterwards and they were married in England in July, 1896.

Even after his marriage Prince Karl had to live on a very modest scale with an income of only £15,000 a year.

He and his English bride made their home in a small apartment in one corner of the Copenhagen Palace belonging to the King of Greece.

Prince Karl often spent months at a time away at sea and in Copenhagen society he was not well known.

His son, Crown Prince Olav of Norway, was born at Appleton House, Sandringham, on July 2, 1903.

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IN 1905 Norway after years of discontent, broke away from Sweden, with which she had been united under one King since 1815.

The Norwegians asked King Oscar II of Sweden to choose them a ruler from the junior branches of his own family.

He refused, and the Norwegians then looked to Denmark for a King.

By a vote of 259,583 to 69,264 Prince Karl of Denmark was chosen to be the first ruler of an independent Norway for five centuries.

The last Norwegian king had been Haakon VI in the thirteenth century.

When Prince Karl took the throne at the age of thirty-three he assumed the title of King Haakon VII. (The name is actually pronounced "Hawkon").

King Haakon and Queen Maud came to their new capital—then known as Christiana—amid scenes of tremendous popular rejoicing on November 26, 1905.

Despite occasional rebuffs from the Socialists, King Haakon and his British Queen, by their tact and generally unassuming manner, soon showed themselves to be just the kind of Monarchs suited to the democratic Norwegian people.

Although King Haakon was painfully shy, especially of women, he made special efforts to visit all parts of his mountainous kingdom. His Silver Jubilee was celebrated in 1930.

King Haakon had a physique to match his height. He is rather dark, with a heavy moustache and is inclined to baldness. As a young man he was considered handsomer than most royalties.

Throughout his life he has been an ardent sportsman. He hunts, boxes, plays tennis, fences and is an excellent dancer. He used to swim nearly every morning before breakfast. He is exceedingly strong—so strong, in fact, that his friends say he can take a poker in his hands and bend it double.

Both King Haakon and Queen Maud visit England at least once every year. When they stay in London they walk about the streets without escort and generally quite unrecognised.

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With Hitler in Poland

BY W. N. EWER

WHAT, I was asked the other day, are the Nazis doing in Poland? Plundering it no doubt, but what else?

What is their policy? Are they really setting up some kind of Polish State? How are things going?

Questions only too easy to answer: for there is quite reliable information to hand. But the answers are grim ones.

All that early pretence of setting up of a Polish State, of making a settlement with a new Polish Government, of merely annexing to Germany a few slices of territory that might plausibly be argued to be German, has gone.

It was never serious. It was the merest propaganda stunt, devised for the fooling of anybody in Allied or neutral countries who could be persuaded into believing that Hitler is not so very unreasonable after all. It was just ammunition for that "peace offensive."

The reality is very different.

Certainly the Westernmost districts of Poland have been formally annexed to the Reich; while the rest is a "Government-General."

But in practice it comes to the same thing. In both areas the whole administration — municipal as well as national—is in the hands of German officials.

In both the final power is in the hands of the Gestapo, which overrides both military and civil authorities at will—much to the annoyance of the military.

It is the Gestapo which is carrying out with its usual cold brutality the policy of the Fuehrer. And the policy of the Fuehrer is quite simple.

Poland as a nation is to be destroyed. The Polish workers and peasants are to become helots serving the German master-race. They are to hew wood and draw water.

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But all authority, all administration, all culture, are to be in the hands of the German taskmasters. Nazism has leapt back to the crudest barbarisms of the ancient world.

The method is as old as the objective. Was it not "Lars Porsena of Clusium" who gave the tip to "false Sextus" by lopping off the heads of all the tallest poppies in his garden?

If it wasn't Lars and Sextus it was two other men in early Roman times. The idea is the thing: and it is the idea the Gremans are putting into effect in Poland today.

Every leader, or potential leader, of any kind is being liquidated. Landowners, employers, trade union leaders, "intellectuals," prominent peasants, officials—everybody who might conceivably lead his fellows, either locally or nationally—is being "liquidated."

Some are shot. The total of executions is unknown. Fifteen thousand in the "annexed" areas is a fairly certain minimum.

Some are put into concentration camps. Some are deported to districts where they have no influence and are allowed to scratch a bare living there under the watchful eyes of the Gestapo—with the threat of the camp or the wall ever before them.

The destiny of the Pole is to be a slave—to work for starvation wages, to obey, to be silent. Either that: or the rubber truncheon, the torture chamber, the firing squad. If he lifts his head it will be hit.

That is the plan. It is being carried out with all the ruthless brutality of the Nazis.

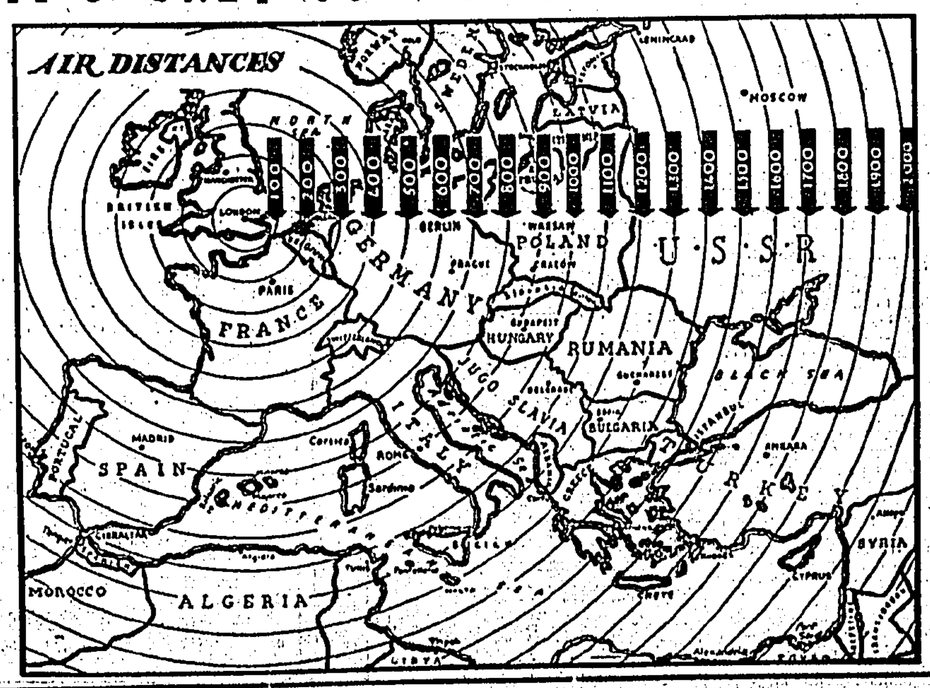
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But for all that it is not succeeding. The Poles are fighting back defiantly.

In the forests there are still guerilla fighters giving the German troops much trouble. In the towns there is sabotage and gallant challenging of the tyrants. There are underground activities of which it would be criminal to say a word.

The fight goes on. The determination to resist grows stronger instead of weaker. The last message which has come through to me says, "Confidence in the ultimate victory of the Allies has returned."

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INSTALMENT 17

The storm breaks over Europe as Hitler decides that it shall be war.

As German troops and warplanes are flung into Poland, Sir Nevile Henderson, Britain's Ambassador in Berlin, warns Hitler that unless the troops are withdrawn Britain will go to the aid of Poland.

But no reply is forthcoming.

And so, once again, Britain was at war with Germany . .



Henderson left Berlin with staff and pet dachshund Hippy on the morning of September 4 on a special train. The train was delayed for some 18 hours.

ZERO HOUR IN BERLIN

DURING August 31 there has been much activity on the part of Field-Marshal Goering.

I think that Goering himself would have preferred a peaceful solution, but in matters such as these it was Hitler's decision which alone counted: and whatever Goering might feel, he was merely the loyal and submissive servant of his master.

Moreover, as I have already described, he had come down definitely on the side of peace a year before, and it may have been difficult for him to adopt this course a second time.

He invited me, however, to come and see him that afternoon, and I did so at 5 p.m. in company of Sir G. Ogilvie-Forbes.

As I had heard that the text of the proposals which Ribbentrop has refused to give me was to be broadcast on the radio that evening, my first remark was to point out to the Field-Marshal that this procedure would probably and finally wreck the last prospect of peace.

I begged him to do his utmost to prevent their publication.

Goering's reply was that he could not intervene, and that the German Government felt obliged to broadcast their proposals to the world in order to prove their "good faith."

Final but forlorn hope

He talked for the best part of two hours of the iniquities of the Poles and of Hitler's and his own desire for friendship with England, and of the benefit to the world in general and the advantage to England in particular of such a friendship.

It augured the worst from the fact that he was in a position at such a moment to give me so much of his time.

He had a few days before been made president of the new German Defence Council for the Reich (or War Cabinet), and he could scarcely have afforded at such a moment to spare time in conversation, if it did not mean that everything, down to the last detail, was now ready for action.

My general impression of this last talk with Goering was that it constituted a final but forlorn effort on his part to detach Britain from the Poles.

Nevertheless, the Field-Marshal seemed sincere when, having been called to the telephone, he returned to tell us that M. Lipski was on his way to see Ribbentrop.

He seemed relieved and to hope that, provided contact was only established, war might after all prove unnecessary.

The meeting with the Polish Ambassador proved, however, quite futile.

M. Lipski stated that he was acting solely in his capacity as an Ambassador without plenary powers to discuss or to negotiate.

Travesty of the facts

He handed to the Minister for Foreign Affairs a brief communication to the effect that the Polish Government were weighing favourably the proposal of His Majesty's Government for direct discussion, and that a formal answer in this matter would be communicated to the German Government in the immediate future.

He did not ask for the German proposals, and Ribbentrop did not offer to give them to him. Their meeting lasted but a few minutes.

When the Polish Ambassador, after his interview, attempted once more to telephone to his Government, he found that it was no longer possible for him to do so.

Hitler had, in fact, chosen this moment to precipitate the conflict.

He did not want direct negotiations with the Poles. It was zero hour.

In the early hours of September 1, without any declaration of war, the German army crossed the frontier, and the German air force proceeded to bomb the Polish aerodromes and lines of communication.

In accordance with Hitler's usual technique everything was then done by the German authorities to prove to the German public that it was the Poles who had been the aggressors instead of the aggressed.

Goering sent me a message to say that the Poles had begun the war by blowing up the bridge across the Vistula at Dirchau, while Hitler himself issued a proclamation to the German army declaring that the Polish State had refused the settlement which he offered and had appealed to arms.

Every German newspaper repeated the lie that it was the Poles who had begun the fighting.

Finally, at 10.30 a.m., Hitler met the Reichstag, which had been summoned for that hour, and similarly announced to the assembled Delegates that he had been "forced to take up arms in defence of the Reich."

It was a deliberate travesty of the facts, and never can there have been, or ever be, a case of more premeditated and carefully planned aggression.

Late that same evening I was instructed by Lord Halifax to notify the German Government that the latter by their action had created conditions which called for the implementation by the Governments of the United Kingdom and France of their undertaking to come to Poland's assistance.

A day of suspense

Unless His Majesty's Government received satisfactory assurances that the German Government had suspended all aggressive action and would be prepared to withdraw their forces from Polish territory, His Majesty's Government would, without hesitation, fulfil their obligations to Poland.

I was instructed at the same time to request an immediate reply, and was authorised, if asked, to explain that this communication was in the nature of a warning, and was not to be considered as an ultimatum.

I handed this communication in writing to the Minister for Foreign Affairs at 9.30 that evening.

Ribbentrop received it without other comment than that the sole blame rested on the Poles.

He made no inquiry as to the exact nature of the communication, but merely said that he must submit it to the Fuehrer.

I told him that I realised that this would be available at whatever hour he might be in a position to give me the Reichschancellor's reply.

The French Ambassador, who had been instructed to make a similar communication, did so immediately after me and received a reply on the same lines.

Early in the afternoon of that day, I had in accordance with Lord Halifax's instructions, officially requested the United States Charge d'Affaires to be good enough to take charge of British interests in the event of war.

All ciphers and confidential documents were burnt, and the whole of the Staff left their normal residences and were concentrated in the Adlon Hotel next door or in the Embassy itself.

September 2 was a day of suspense. The Poles were, it was reported, putting up a brave resistance in the face of surprise and overwhelming numbers.

No reply was received from the German Government throughout the day to the British and French warnings.

Italy's last peace effort

In the meantime the Italian Government was making one last effort to save the situation.

The Italian Ambassador had come to see me at midday on his way to the Ministry for Foreign Affairs.

Signor Attolico told me that he must know one thing immediately. Was the communication which I had made the previous evening to Herr von Ribbentrop an ultimatum or not?

I told His Excellency that I had been authorised to tell the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he had asked me—which he had not done—that it was not an ultimatum but a warning.

I mentioned to Signor Attolico that I understood that the Italian Government were putting forward a suggestion for the cessation of hostilities and the immediate summoning of a conference of the interested Powers.

In this connection I said that I felt bound to express the opinion that such a proposal would never be entertained unless at the same time all the German troops were withdrawn from Polish territory. I urged him to press for this.

Only two solutions

The Ambassador retorted that I could not speak for my Government. I admitted that fact, but said that I could not imagine the possibility of ourselves, and much less of the Poles, agreeing to any lesser course.

There had never been, in fact, for Hitler but the two solutions: the use of force, or the achievement of his aims by the display of force.

Late in the afternoon of September 2 I communicated to the Secretary of State for the information of the German Government the verbatim report of the Prime Minister's speech in the House of Commons on that date.

Therein Mr. Chamberlain stated that while His Majesty's Government could not agree to the proposal of the Italian Government for a conference while Poland was being subjected to invasion, they would be willing, if the German forces were withdrawn from Polish territory, to regard the position as being the same as before the forces had crossed the frontier.

It was the last chance of avoiding the great catastrophe of war at the last minute, but the German Government remained silent.

I present our ultimatum

At 4 a.m. on September 3, I was accordingly instructed by His Majesty's Government to arrange for a meeting with the Minister for Foreign Affairs at 9 a.m.

There was some difficulty in establishing contact with the Ministry at that hour, but I was finally informed that Dr. Schmidt was authorised by the Minister to accept on His Excellency's behalf any communication which I might make to him.

I accordingly handed to Dr. Schmidt at 9 a.m. precisely the final ultimatum from His Majesty's Government, pointing out that over twenty-four hours had elapsed since I had requested an immediate answer to our warning communication of September 1.

As no reply from the German Government was vouchsafed by 11 a.m., the German representative in London was informed in due course at that hour that a state of war existed between Britain and Germany.

By ten minutes past 11 a.m. every British consular officer in Germany had been advised by the staff of His Majesty's Embassy at Berlin that this was the case.

History will judge

Shortly after 11 a.m. I received a final message from Ribbentrop asking me to call upon him at once. I did so at 11.30, and he lost no time in giving me on this occasion a lengthy document to read, beginning with a refusal on the part of the German people to accept any demands in the nature of an ultimatum made by the British Government, and stating that any aggressive action by England would be answered with the same weapons and the same form.

The rest of the document was pure propaganda, destined presumably for home and neutral consumption, with a view to attempting to prove to the German people and the world generally that it was Britain alone which was to blame for everything which had happened.

My only comment on reading this completely false representation of events was: "It would be left to history to judge where the blame really lay."

Ribbentrop's answer was to the effect that history had already proved the facts, and that nobody had striven harder for peace and good relations with England than Herr Hitler had done.

His last remark to me was that he wished me personally good, to which I could only reply that I deeply regretted the failure of all my efforts for peace, but that I bore no grudge against the German people.

Thereafter I saw no further German official except the member of the Protocol, who accompanied our special train as far as Rotterdam.

My last official communication to the German Government was a note which I presented on the instructions of His Majesty's Government inquiring whether the German Government would observe the provisions of the Geneva Protocol of 1925 prohibiting the use in war of asphyxiating, poisonous or other gases and of bacteriological methods of warfare.

The German Government later replied to this through the Swiss Minister in London giving the required assurance on the understanding that His Majesty's Government would similarly observe the provisions of the Protocol.

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TO-MORROW

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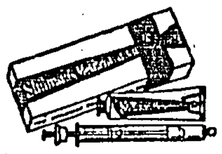
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A Look Through The "Telegraph"

50 YEARS AGO

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The French claim that Annam voluntarily accepted their protectorate. A native circular was recently sent all over the country alleging that Heaven had sent the cholera as a punishment to the French for banishing the King of Annam. That doesn't sound very loyal.

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The new first class armour plated battleship Victoria, 15 guns, 10,470 tons, 14,000 horse power, Captain J. E. Stokes, which has been built for the Royal Navy at a cost of £853,000 was passed out of hand at Sheerness on April 3, ready for foreign service.

The Victoria at present draws 29 ft. 2 in. of water, which is the heaviest draught ever recorded of a ship fitting out in the Medway. She is the most powerful ship of war ever despatched from England, and will be a great acquisition to the Mediterranean Fleet.

25 YEARS AGO

May 10, 1915.

The "Frankfurter Zeitung" says that the sinking of the Lusitania is tragic, but, nevertheless, an extraordinary success for the German Navy.

New York comments on the sinking of the Lusitania are to-day more vehement than ever. It is even suggested that America will refuse further hospitality to Germany's official representatives, though a break in diplomatic relations would not necessarily mean war.

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According to Reuter's correspondent at Amsterdam a Rome telegram from the "Frankfurter Zeitung" says that Italy's pretext to begin war is awaited with the greatest suspense. Reports are circulated to the effect that Italy will make a declaration of war against Turkey on the ground of the violation of the treaty of Lausanne.

According to Reuter's Rome correspondent the Kaiser has telegraphed King Victor Emmanual requesting his support. The Kaiser's efforts to make an Austro-Italian settlement are believed to be a last desperate expedient. The Kaiser has also despatched an autograph letter to the King. Austria's final proposals do not include Trieste, consequently they must be unacceptable. The personnel of the Austrian Embassy to the Vatican left yesterday evening.

The King has to-day conferred with his ministers including the ministers of war and marine, and Signor Salandria, the premier. He exhorts the prefects to prevent an anti-Austrian rioting under all circumstances.

10 YEARS AGO

May 10, 1930.

Miss Amy Johnson arrived in Constantinople non-stop from Vienna on May 6. She left Croydon in a tiny Moth aeroplane at 8.40 a.m. on May 5 on a solo flight to Australia. Miss Johnson is only 22 years of age.

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What is tantamount to a declaration of war by the National Government against the Shansi Kuominchun Government at Peking was contained in a declaration by Marshal Chiang Kai Shek when he spoke at a troop parade here yesterday afternoon, at the Aerodrome, to several thousands of Nanking forces who were leaving for the front.

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The Admiralty announces that Admiral Sir S. A. Gough Calthorpe has retired. Admiral Sir Roger Keyes has been promoted to Admiral of the Fleet and Vice-Admiral Sir A. A. M. Duff has been promoted Admiral.

5 YEARS AGO

May 10, 1935.

"Royal Cavalcade" showing at the Star Theatre to-day. The special film produced to commemorate the Silver Jubilee of Their Majesties King George V and Queen Mary, 1910-1935. A glorious epic of the reign, depicting all the important incidents in the life of the nation during the period. A British International Picture.

NAZIS LOSE 4 SHIPS

Fresh Successes By British Submarines

LONDON, May 9 (Reuter).—An Admiralty communique announces that British submarines have had further success in their operations against enemy transports and supply ships.

In an attack on a convoy of ten enemy ships, six torpedoes found their mark. Three hits were made on another convoy and two on a third convoy.

One ship sailing independently was torpedoed and sunk.

Another was driven ashore and was destroyed by gunfire and torpedo.

Rebellion Against Chamberlain

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, May 9 (UP).—About 34 rebel conservative members met in the House of Commons this afternoon, presided over by Mr. Clement Davis.

They all voted against the Government in last night's vote of confidence and this afternoon they decided unanimously that the next Government must be a real National Government.

ROOSEVELT TO SPEAK

Likely To Deal With European War

WASHINGTON, May 9 (Reuter).—The subject of President Roosevelt's address to the American Scientific Congress tomorrow night is being kept a close secret at the White House.

It is not questioned that President Roosevelt will deal largely with foreign affairs and it is difficult to see how he can keep off the subject of the European war.

President Roosevelt himself obviously regards the speech has important because he began its composition as early as Tuesday when he cancelled his Press conference on that score.

Moving On Two Fronts

The Washington "Times-Herald" comments that the President is cloaking his diplomatic manoeuvring in the closest secrecy, but veteran observers are convinced that he is charting a sensational course.

The President appears to be moving on two fronts—in the Pacific through the fleet and in Europe through Rome and probably the Vatican.

No Peace Plan Mooted

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

ROME, May 9 (UP).—A report published in the United States that Mussolini has rejected President Roosevelt's offer to attempt some sort of peace effort has been categorically denied by authoritative Italian quarters.

They state that the report is absolutely without foundation because no peace plan has been discussed between Mussolini and the United States Ambassador, Mr. William Philippis.

They add that the conversations between Il Duce and the Ambassador have been most friendly and helpful.

Japan Offers Armaments To Rumania

BUCHAREST, May 9 (Reuter).—It is understood that the Japanese Government has offered to deliver to the Rumanian Government certain armaments, especially anti-tank and anti-aircraft guns.

It appears that these weapons have proved their worth during the Sino-Japanese war.

It is believed that the offer will be accepted, but the contract is awaiting clarification by the Japanese Government with regard to the method of payment.

BAIT FOR SWEDEN & FINLAND

Soviet Plan For Joint Control Of Aalands

NEW YORK, May 9 (Reuter).—The U.S.S.R. is reported to have proposed to Sweden and Finland pacts similar to those negotiated last year with Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania, according to a "usually reliable source," says the "Christian Science Monitor's" Stockholm correspondent.

The correspondent adds that the proposal is believed to be receiving serious consideration in Stockholm and Helsingfors.

Offer To Finland

It is reported that the Soviet proposals include a plan for joint fortification and defence of the Aaland Islands.

It is further reported that if the proposals are accepted, the U.S.S.R. is willing to restore the Karelian provinces.

The correspondent expresses the opinion that Sweden, faced with the choice between German domination and gravitation towards the U.S.S.R. might choose the latter as the lesser evil.

Bravery Has Its Reward

Gallant Officers Are Decorated

LONDON, May 9 (Reuter).—The daring resourcefulness of officers and men of the Fleet Air Arm and the submarine service off the Norwegian coast is recognised in a long list of awards published to-day in the "London Gazette".

Those who will receive the D.S.O. include Captain Richard Thomas Patridge, Royal Marines; Lt. William Paulet Lucy, Royal Navy; Lt.-Cmdr. Christopher Haynes Hutchinson, of the submarine Truant; Lt.-Cmdr. John Hay Forbes, of the submarine Sunfish; and Lt. William Donald King, of the submarine Snapper.

There are also a number of Distinguished Service Crosses and Distinguished Service Medals and mentions in the despatches.

An unusual distinction falls to Acting Lieutenant E. W. T. Taylour, who is awarded the D.S.C., a bar, and is mentioned in despatches.

Military Mission To Moscow

BUCHAREST, May 9 (Reuter).—An important Yugo-Slavian military mission will shortly leave Belgrade for Moscow, according to messages from Belgrade published in the Rumanian press.

It is stated that General Maximovici, one of the most prominent of the Yugo-Slavian military leaders, will head the mission.

Neither the Yugo-Slavian nor Soviet Legations in Bucharest have yet had any intimation of the passage of the mission through Rumania.

Japan Loses Vital Trade

Philippines Market Slumps Heavily

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, May 9 (UP).—A Department of Commerce survey, based on reports from the Commissioner in Manila, to-day cited Japan's decline last year as a source of supply to the Philippines.

The survey said that United States position was unchanged with 76 and 68 per cent. of the Islands' exports and imports respectively.

Japanese imports declined to 66 per cent. which is the lowest level since 1933, and the Japanese share of the Islands' total import trade was 6.2 per cent. which was the smallest since 1912.

Britain Buying U.S. Maize

WASHINGTON, May 9 (Reuter).—The Agricultural Department announces the sale of $20,000,000 bushels of maize to Britain under the new export subsidy programme.

The maize will be taken from Government-owned stocks, which total 86,000,000 bushels.

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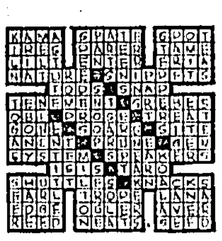
Crossword Puzzle

By LARS MORRIS

ACROSS

1—Enlarge in all directions
7—Lessen amount of
11—First Roosevelt's nickname
14—Bring to light
15—Essence of flowers
16—At all (Scottish)
17—Announcement
18—Not any part
19—Minute (abbr.)
20—Cutting and gathering grain
21—Guy-rope used on sailing ships
23—Insipid
26—Employ
27—Ridiculous proceeding
28—Melody
29—Worthless leaving
30—Contradicted
31—Female sex hormone
32—Liquefy by heat
33—Legal claim on property
34—I would
35—Cleansing medicine
37—Work as
39—Small cars
40—Large rodent
41—In the past
42—Bowl-shaped volcano outlet
44—Consume by chemical action
45—Sp. American armadillo
48—Tanner
47—Suffix: one who believes in
48—Open to view
49—Unmannerly person
50—Impose upon
52—Attention (abbr.)

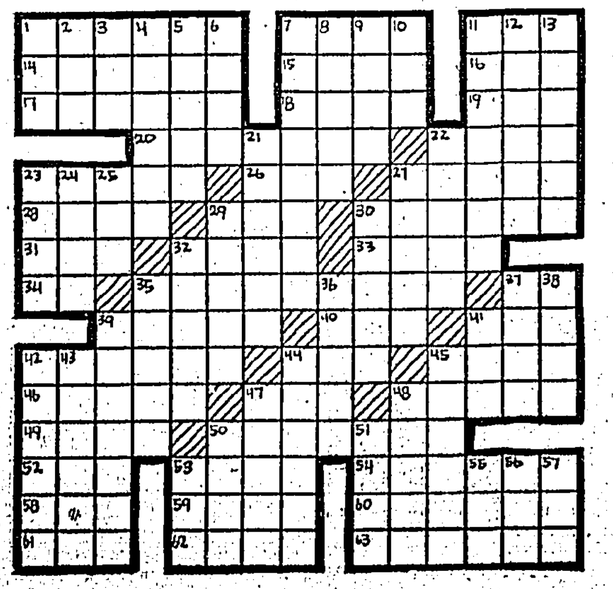
ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE



53—Chief's title
54—In Egypt, army chief
58—Chief line of
59—On summit of
60—Guarantee
61—Prefix: three
62—Second person singular
63—Removed seed from

DOWN

1—German for "the"
2—Suffix denoting condition
3—Part of mouth
4—Craving for food
5—Fatigued
6—Feminine suffix
7—Balustrade
8—Make amends
9—Penalizing taste
10—Before
11—Small monkey of South America
12—Show plainly
13—Deground
21—Small money bags
22—Gentleman's bodyservant
24—Turkish governor
25—Dry
25—Sharp fastening implement
27—Deceptive movement
29—Being of exterior side
30—Cry of sheep
32—Extreme excitement
35—Extravagantly affectionate one
38—Rub roughly
37—Chinese glue
38—Death
39—Skull-cap worn by Roman Catholic clergy
41—Mimick
42—Element forming blue pigments
43—Member of disorderly gathering
44—Get away
45—Detrimental
47—Great-grandchild (Scottish)
48—Sheep-like
50—Perform
51—Egyptian goddess
53—Feline
55—Non-exploding shell
56—Unit of area
57—Political extremist



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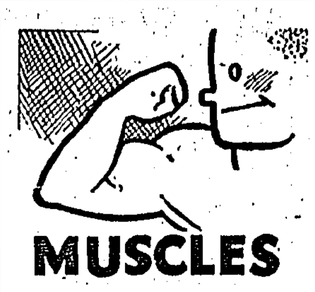
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Near East Enigma

AS the year advances into summer, speculation on possible developments of the war is intensified. It is not thought likely that the present state of inactivity will continue for long.

There will doubtless be renewed reports of German intentions to break through Holland or Belgium, or both. For the moment, however, attention is rather directed to the Near East.

The Allies have a large army in that quarter. Italy is also very much on the alert. She has made it known that she could not be indifferent to anything affecting the Near East and the Balkans.

But, strangely enough, Hitler's two friends, Stalin and Mussolini, are far from being friends with each other. The Duce has lost none of his detestation of Bolshevist influences in Europe. He maintains a consistency in that matter which Hitler has completely abandoned.

The Turkish Prime Minister, in some discreet but significant references to the situation, said the crisis had now come to his country's door. Officially, relations with Russia are unchanged. Actually, Turkey can have no illusions about Moscow's lack of goodwill towards her. She refused to be Russia's tool, and is therefore in Stalin's black books.

Turkey, however, is prepared for whatever may befall. She has a clear sense of where her duty lies. If war should be forced upon her she will make common cause with the Allies. The Near East situation is uncertain, but France, Britain, and Turkey have made the fullest preparations to check-mate German, Russian or even Italian aggression in this vital region.

WHAT ARE WE FIGHTING FOR?

by A. A. Milne

You know Milne as a brilliant writer of essays, plays, light verse.

Here he writes in a different mood. His subject is the one that matters more to you all than any other.

And the "Telegraph" believes that what he has to say will interest you.

I HAD a letter the other day which said: "We don't seem to be fighting for anything; only against it."

The next morning I read an article which said that we were not fighting for democracy or for liberty or for any nonsense of that sort. "We are fighting for England."

England, however, was not being attacked. Why, then, were we fighting? Because, in a year or so, when Germany had made all the conquests which she wanted in the East, then she would have attacked France.

And when, in this next war, she had defeated France, then in another year or so she would attack England.

So we were fighting a war to prevent a war which would lead to war against England.

It sounds like something from Gertrude Stein.

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NOW it seems to me that no man of intelligence can take part in a war at this point in history without the fixed determination in his mind that, as far as he can ensure it by his own actions, it shall be the last European war.

I know that many of us said in 1914 that we were fighting a war to end war. Very well; we lost that war.

Now we are fighting again. We may lose again; but we cannot enter upon a war with the fear that we are going to lose.

We must believe in ourselves. It is no good fighting any sort of battle unless one is determined to win and believes that one is going to win.

Our war-aim therefore (yours and mine, since we are intelligent men) is to end war. Where we may differ from other people (including, unfortunately, members of the Government) is that our aim is, possibly, only their hope.

In a democratic country the people, the main body of troops, mark the stage of civilisation which that country has reached: a stage of civilisation which is now beyond war.

But in a Totalitarian State the gangster may easily be the autocrat.

This is one reason why the people (democracy) offer a safeguard for peace which cannot be offered by the individual (autocracy).

The other reason is this: a Totalitarian State by definition exists for the benefit of the State, not for the benefit of its members.

But if the State claims to have a life of its own to which the life of every individual is subordinate, then its life can only be a life in competition with other States; its only victories over its competitors.

One can see that this must be so if one imagines a group of islanders in the Pacific, cut off from the rest of mankind, forming themselves into a Totalitarian State: in which each individual is told:

"Nothing which happens to you matters; the only thing which matters is the welfare of the island."

We see at once that the only "welfare of the island" conceivable is the welfare of each individual islander.

And we see that a totalitarian island can only justify its existence by competing with, and obtaining victories over, neighbouring islands.

Inevitably a successful war is the complete victory, the ultimate form of the island-State's self-expression.

One may note, too, in passing that the only time when the individual in a democratic country is asked to subordinate himself to the State is when his country is at war.

It is clear, therefore, that whether Hitlerism, Mussolinism, Stalinism and any similar form of government are to be regarded as the expression of a genuine political doctrine or merely as an excuse for autocracy, they are, they must be, a danger to the peace of the world.

If this war ensures the triumph of democracy, and only if so, then it ends war.

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What is our Peace Aim? The immediate object of the war is to destroy Hitlerism. The immediate object of the last war was to destroy Prussian militarism.

We should know by now that destruction is not an end in itself, but only a means to an end.

We destroyed the Kaiser, and Hitler followed; we destroy Hitler—and then what?

Unless we decide rightly we shall have lost another war. If destroying Hitlerism is our war-aim, what is our peace-aim?

There are many who think that it should be a revived League of Nations; a League which shall do all the things which the last League failed to do; a League which shall really unite against an aggressor; a League, some say, with an international standing army to enforce its authority.

It is difficult to imagine such an army mobilising against (say) Russia; perhaps still more difficult to imagine it mobilising against (say) Germany.

It is easier to imagine an International Air Force.

But an air force is at its most effective when used as a threat. The threat, if defined, can only be carried out by dropping bombs upon "military objects," which would inevitably include women and children.

Law does not easily compete with lawlessness in threats, and actions, of frightfulness.

But though it is difficult to imagine such a League in action, and difficult to understand why its pledges should be more sacred to its members now than before, it is stupid to say that therefore such a League could not be brought into being, could not be made workable.

What I think we can say is that no State which submitted to the authority of such a League could possibly be a Totalitarian State, ruled by an autocrat.

One cannot glorify the State and oneself through the State unless the State is independent.

Even an "axis" detracts a little from one's glory—unless one is convinced that one is the dominating partner in the axis.

So that, if such a League were effective in maintaining peace, the effective part of it would be composed of democratic countries, willing to submit to the decision of the majority, willing to subordinate their own interests to the general good.

I think that we should make it clear, as soon as possible, that in our view democracy is the only safeguard of peace, and that we are prepared "after the war" to co-operate in the fullest and most generous way with all other democracies.

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Our first peace-aim should be a League of Democracies, which shall utterly renounce all war as between themselves, and which shall, as soon as practicable, remove all inter-tariff barriers.

The idea behind the League should not be mutual assistance in war-time, but mutual assistance in peace-time; and democracies only should be eligible for inclusion.

It is time that we cleared our minds of a good deal of cant about autocracies.

We plead in their excuse "the right of countries to choose their own form of government." No country ever "chose" autocracy.

Russia didn't; Italy didn't; Germany didn't; Spain didn't.

Autocracy to-day begins as a revolt against some other form of government; a revolt which may or may not be supported by the majority of the people, but is supported by a fighting majority; that is, by those with the greater military resources.

The leader's first autocratic and entirely unjustifiable action on acquiring power is to deny not only those who opposed the revolt, but whose who supported it, any further part in the new government of their country.

After which it is assumed that the people chose autocracy; and that, being foreigners, they must be expected to have their funny little ways, on which it would be bad form for an English gentleman to comment.

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This is nonsense. We can comment on cannibalism, we can comment (and have commented before

PLEASE Turn To Page 2.

Foolish stories
DONT throw aspersions on the bravery of the enemy. That kind of talk is foolish. There is too much of it about.

We never called Fritz a Coward

We of the 1914-18 war called the Germans all sorts of things. But never did we call them cowards.

We knew them too well for that.

People at home (who had the time to learn to hate) called them Huns, and Boches, and things like that.

We out in the mud against them called them Jerry, or Fritz.

We never liked the Germans. We never hated the Germans—except when we heard of a bombing raid on England and we said: "Why can't they fight US, instead of the people at home? . . . We'll show them. . . !" And the hate lasted until we could, and *did*, show them. Usually two to three days. Then we just went on with our job of war, and our normal way of regarding the war—and JERRY.

And that was . . .?

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We distrusted every thing about him, except his courage. We knew we could distrust him in everything but stay-and-take-it power. We belittled him in every way but one: we said he kept his trenches dirty (foul slur on any soldier).

The first bit of hand-to-hand fighting, when our barrack-square instructor's spirit still hoarse-whispered to us: "Show a German a bit of cold steel and he'll wilt before you like a nasturtium in a frost," showed us how mistaken it was to look on Jerry as having no guts (which is the soldier word for courage).

Jerry stood up to it.

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And I saw then an example of courage (German brand) which I have thought of, and pondered over, ever since. Let me present it to you:—

The time: Dawn.

The place: A mine-crater in No-Man's-Land.

We have been over the top; taken a bunch of prisoners—officers and (about) nineteen men. We have mustered them in this crater until we can get them down the line.

One Jerry starts whining, rubbing his hand up and down his chest. At last the officer takes notice, goes to him, and says something (in German) which sounds like, "What are you making all this fuss about?"

The private says something (in German) which sounds like: "I've got it here, sir."

Whereupon the officer grabs hold of the private's tunic at the bottom, rips it upwards, tears off three buttons in the process, and exposes a chest smashed by shrapnel.

Then this happens:

British N.C.O. (who has observed the scene): "Why did you do that? Can't you see the man's hurt?"

German officer: "Do not dare to speak to me so. Do you not see I am a German officer and he is one of my men?"

British N.C.O.: "And you see this, I am a British N.C.O. And if I see you do anything like that again I'll bring down the butt of my rifle on your head, officer or no officer."

That British N.C.O. was me.

And still, as I think of war, I think that German officer had terrific courage — as Germans know and understand courage—to try to keep the iron face that is the German idea of courage.

Thirty men (English) were left to hold a trench. Twenty-eight were killed. The two others held on.

They talked of England, and primroses, and held on. And still "live to tell the story."

I thank England for our English courage.

Don't belittle the Germans' courage. But trust ours to win.

W. T. Knott



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AT LAST, THE FULL STORY OF THE EPIC NORWAY RETREAT

LONDON, May 9 (British Wireless).—A graphic descriptin of a succession of three actions in the Norwegian campaign enabling three British battalions fighting by day to withdraw during the short hours of darkness 103 miles over a single track railway down Gudbransdal and Romsdalen to the sea was given to-day in London by an officer of Major-General B. C. T. Paget's staff.

Holding a position at Kvam for 48 hours in the face of incessant air attacks to which they were unable to reply except by machine-gun, a battalion of the King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry successfully held up the German advance until ordered to withdraw.

A German column led by tanks and armoured cars made contact with British troops early on the morning of April 26, firing somewhat indiscriminately into houses on the roadside as they advanced.

Throughout the day, Nazi ski troops vainly endeavoured to work round the snow-covered hills to pierce the flanks of the British battalion.

Clever Rearguard Action

When darkness fell, the K.O.Y.L.I. withdrew with precision down the railway line to the little village of Otta, where a battalion of the Green Howards—together with one of the Yorkshire and Lancashire Regiment—had prepared a defensive position.

Here on April 26, severe fighting took place. Troops often engaged hand to hand.

Such was the effect of the British resistance, the Staff Officer said, that it was noticed that the Nazi troops after that day seemed unwilling to press home the attacks, and when the action was broken off that night, the British troops withdrew unmolested to trains concealed in a tunnel about three miles behind the front line.

Great tribute was paid by the Staff Officer to the efficiency and devotion to duty of Norwegian railway and telephone service operators who at great risk gave magnificent help to the British troops.

As the troops withdrew, demolition of the bridges proceeded according to plan, and in no case did a planned demolition fail "to be blown."

Halt at Dombass

The next halt was made at Dombaas, where because of the successful destruction of bridges, the troops obtained one day's much-needed rest, and it was not until April 30 that the enemy again made contact, having received machine-gun replacements by air.

During the afternoon, the K.O.Y.L.I. again fought splendidly and at 9 p.m. entrained at Dombaas station.

It was anticipated that this battalion would go directly to Andalsnes and there embark, but the train was derailed and the troops had to march 17 miles.

It says much for their morale, the Staff Officer said, that in spite of having fought hard for six hours on April 30, suffering a train wreck and then marching 17 miles they readily deployed again at 5.30 p.m. on May 1 and easily held the enemy until dark when they again entrained. Reaching Andalsnes, they embarked, being the last troops to leave Norway.

Tribute to Germans

The Staff Officer described the German troops as efficient and very well-trained.

The Staff Officer paid high praise to these British Territorials who held the enemy in spite of both air and artillery attack without means of replying.

The position of rations, the Staff Officer said, was satisfactory. Only the most advanced troops who must always rely upon such provisions as they have with them did not receive regular and adequate supplies.

He described the German claims relating to the capture of materials as "fantastic," adding that he did not think that there were such quantities taken into Norway.

British troops took out all they could carry and destroyed as much of what was left as they were able.

Spectacular Results

French Production Minister Lauded

LONDON, May 9 (British Wireless).—A tribute to the French Production Minister, M. Raoul Dautry, was paid in a speech at Cardiff by the British Supply Minister, Mr. Leslie Burgin.

Mr. Burgin said: "M. Dautry has achieved in France spectacular results in the enormous growth and expansion of his armaments production programme. He thinks in multiples, he works at a terrific pace and he has a great faculty of making friends. He is idolised by the workpeople and what is so important for a politician and a Production Minister, he is left alone by his colleagues.

"But he too has difficulties with machine tools, with raw materials and with skilled labour. Fortunately such is the collaboration between the two countries—officers of his Ministry are in my office in London and officers of my Ministry are in his office in Paris—that we frequently can come to one another's aid."

Can't Blame Britain

Swedish Paper And Norway Withdrawal

STOCKHOLM, May 9 (Reuter).—The "Social Demokraten," an organ of the Social Democratic Labour Party of Sweden, says that Sweden has no right to reproach Britain.

She was never asked to protect Norway and never undertook to do this until the Germans moved.

The Swedes, continues the paper, who have done nothing for their Norwegian brothers have no moral right to criticise Britain for the failure of her help.

Tribute To Democracy

The paper pays tribute to the British democracy which has allowed such a debate to be held in open session with the whole world listening.

There are weaknesses in such democracy, but democracy will be restored by its own strength.

One certain thing, says the paper, is that Britain will take the war far more earnestly now than before.

268 U-BOAT PRISONERS

LONDON, May 9 (British Wireless).—A further list of 41 U-boat prisoners of war now held in Britain is issued by the War Office.

There are now a total of 268 U-boat prisoners in Britain, comprising 30 officers and 238 other ranks.

Besides these, there are 20 German air force officers and 44 other ranks, who are prisoners of war in Britain.

Full Story Of Epic Air Combat

MAGNIFICENT R.A.F. WORK AGAINST ODDS

LONDON, May 9 (Reuter).—Further details of a one-sided air combat in Norway between a squadron of Gloster Gladiator planes from an aircraft carrier and a huge number of German have now been revealed.

Part of the story was told by Sir Samuel Hoare, the Air Minister, in the House of Commons on Wednesday.

Just before night, the squadron landed on a frozen lake south-east of Andalsnes. That night they saw two planes with Norwegian markings, but they must have been flown by Germans, for at 3 a.m. German bombers arrived.

A Heinkel was shot down.

Raided For 24 Hours

The base was kept busy with air raids from 7.30 a.m. to 8 p.m. All this time the British pilots were in the open.

Except for the runways, there was melting snow everywhere several feet deep. The pilots had to crawl about on their hands and knees, their clothes were wet and they were freezing.

Despite all these frequent raids they carried out 40 sorties and 37 of the enemy were engaged. Of the 18 Gladiators landed, only five were serviceable by night.

R.A.F. Take Toll

They had taken toll of the enemy, however, shooting down six for certain and probably eight more on the surrounding mountains.

The next day they carried out further reconnaissance attacks on the enemy. By evening only one plane remained useful.

When southern Norway was evacuated, there was no time to repair the planes. The ship on which the pilots embarked was bombed for six hours without interruption without success.

R.A.F. Lose 55 Planes

LONDON, May 9 (British Wireless).—Interesting figures relating to aerial activity in Norway are circulating in authoritative quarters where it is stated that R.A.F. losses comprised 55 aircraft out of over 1,000 employed in the operations which included 64 attacks on enemy bases—54 in Norway, nine in Denmark and one on Sylt.

German losses were considerably higher, the destruction of 163 aircraft being confirmed while it is probable that 40 more will never fly again.

NAZIS RETREAT FROM NARVIK

FROM PAGE ONE

They are based behind the Bosfjord and Rombak heights.

Intense Air Activity

With perpetual daylight in this Arctic region, the activity of the German machines is intense.

All roads have been bombed and machine-gunned, and the Allied troops can only move in small units, all of which are clad in white camouflage uniforms.

But the Allies are reported to have completed new airfields in this region, and speedy Spitfires have already begun a successful drive against the more cumbersome German machines.

Rings of anti-aircraft guns now protect all points of debarkation, to which a constant stream of Allied reinforcements and supplies is now flowing.

Nazis May Quit Narvik

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

GOTHENBURG, May 9 (UP).—The newspaper "Svenska Dagbladet" states that German parachute troops have landed at Bardu, 30 miles north of Narvik, where they were reinforced by German planes taking supplies to Narvik.

The paper also reports that Norwegian police and French Alpine troops have contacted the Germans in minor engagements, and that a major clash is now imminent.

British naval units and bombing planes are still attacking the German positions near Narvik but the general situation remains unchanged.

The "Ririksgraensen" reports that Norwegian troops on Wednesday surprised Germans who were mining railway tunnels south of Bjoernfjuell, on the Swedish border.

Nazis To Clear Out?

AMSTERDAM, May 9 (Reuter).—The German High Command contemplates abandoning Narvik to the Allies, according to the "Algemeen Handelsblads" Berlin correspondent.

This correspondent declares that very well-informed circles in Berlin no longer regard Narvik as a centre of strategic importance.

The High Command is believed to hold the view that Narvik will only remain of value as long as the Allies continue to station ships there which can be attacked by the German air force.

Withdrawal Being Considered

AMSTERDAM, May 9 (Reuter).—The possibility of Hitler considering withdrawal from Norway to a large extent is being discussed here as the result of reports from Berlin.

From the German point of view, it is pointed out, such a move would have advantages as a propaganda move and as a means of saving men and material for other purposes.

It seems hardly possible that the Germans would surrender their air bases in Norway, but it is suggested that they might seek to make some gesture of withdrawal from other points.

There are two indications that some such approach to the Norwegian people may be planned. One is the report that the Germans contemplate abandoning Narvik. The other is an order issued to-day to the German troops in Norway praising Norwegian soldiers, which commentators here compare to the German attempt at the beginning of the war to differentiate between British and French soldiers.

Norwegians Still Fighting

PARIS, May 9 (Reuter).—Professor Koht, the Norwegian Foreign Minister, informed the Press in Paris this afternoon that the Norwegian High Command would in future be represented on the Allied Supreme War Council.

Professor Koht stated that of the Norwegian army which originally consisted of six divisions, one division and part of another were intact in north Norway or making their way northwards.

Many of the remainder had been killed, taken prisoner or interned in Sweden.

Denying rumours that King Haakon had gone to Sweden, he said the King was on Norwegian soil, where he would remain and fight.

LL. GEORGE TOLD OFF

FROM PAGE ONE

ed his resort to journalism as an occupation.

Replying to other criticisms of Mr. Baxter, Mr. Lloyd George said it was because we did not carry out our undertakings to democratic governments in Germany that Hitler came to power.

LONDON, May 9 (British Wireless).—A further contribution of £10,000 to the Lord Mayor's Red Cross St. John Fund from the Sports Committee raises the total from that source to £37,000.

No Room For Italians

Suez Canal Directors Remain Exclusive

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

PARIS, May 10 (UP).—Italian pretensions to representation on the Directorate of the Suez Canal Company will be entirely ignored by the 32 members of the Council at its annual meeting, which will be held next month.

"The Canal authorities have received no official request proposing Italian participation on the Administrative Board," the "United Press" was informed by a reliable source.

The Suez Canal is operated as a private company and is open to the ships of every nation.

"Even to-day, with Germany at war with the Allies, German ships complying with the Company's rules would be permitted passage through the Canal," the "United Press" informant said.

CHURCHILL OR LLOYD GEORGE!

FROM PAGE ONE

The Prime Minister is not seeing the King to-day.

Nothing further expected to-night.

Press Reaction To Debate

The British press is unanimous that the following two main points have come out of the Debate in the House of Commons:

1.—That the Government must be strengthened.

2.—That the country's war effort must be increased.

The press emphasises that all parties agree that this is the main problem and are discussing how it would be best to put it into effect.

There is less agreement on the best way of strengthening the Government.

The Labour "Daily Herald" says that Mr. Chamberlain must go.

Morally and physically says the paper, he is defeated beyond hope of recovery.

The "News Chronicle" says that it is significant that Mr. Chamberlain's Government no longer has the confidence of either Parliament or the country.

The "Times" Appeal

Most of the other papers are less drastic although they are unanimous in their demands for an overhaul of the government.

"The Times" appeals to the Labour Party to rise above Party matters to take a share in running the country.

The paper regrets the press for division and says that this is not the way to adjust the Government quickly.

The "Daily Telegraph" sees in Chamberlain's speech a possibility that he too is thinking on the lines that personal or other considerations should not be allowed to prevent the formation of the best government for conducting the war.

It will only remain for him to move promptly from thought to deed.

With regard to Norway, the government emerged very creditably with a straightforward and complete answer to the major criticisms.

If the members had not been prevented from giving the full facts it is possible that their case might have been even stronger.

A Bad Story

The "Manchester Guardian" says that although the result of the debate has gone abroad as an apparent victory for the Government everyone here knows that it is nothing of the kind.

It is a bad story—lack of provisions, lack of preparations, indecision, slowness and fear of taking risks.

Britain has had this before. She has never fought a major war without this.

But it cannot be permitted in a war with an enemy like Hitler.

The "Yorkshire Post" says that a far bigger question is involved than whether this man or that man should be Prime Minister.

There must be a transformation of ideas. We must fight not with easy-going confidence but with a desperate devotion. Far from groaning under our burdens we are asking for heavier ones.

Premier Sees King

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, May 9 (Domei).—Mr. Neville Chamberlain had audience to-night with His Majesty the King.

Subsequently, Mr. Chamberlain summoned Lord Halifax and other Cabinet advisers to No. 10 Downing Street for an important discussion.

BLACKOUTS IN PEIPING

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

PEIPING, May 9 (UP).—The Japanese military authorities have instituted blackouts in Peiping.

Air raid exercises, in which the populace must co-operate, are now in full swing.

THREAT TO FANCHENG

Japanese Making Swift Advance

CHUNGKING, May 10 (Reuter).—Japanese vanguards are approximately 20 miles from Fancheng, according to latest Chinese field dispatches received here from the northern Hupeh front.

A Japanese column pushing northward from Chungtsiang along the east bank of the Han River is said to have reached Huanglungkung, a village east of Fancheng and south of the main highway between Tsaoyang and Fancheng.

The Japanese are apparently trying to cut the highway east of Fancheng in the vicinity of Shuankoucheng and effecting junction with the Japanese forces pushing westward along the Tsaoyang highway.

General Offensive

Another Japanese column from Suihsien is reported to have reached a point south-west of Tsaoyang while a third column advancing along the highway is at present engaging the Chinese in the vicinity of Tanghsiencheng, east of Tsaoyang.

The Japanese column from the Peiping-Hankow Railway which occupied Miyang has now passed Tangho and is pushing northward along the highway towards Nanyang.

A Japanese column from Sinyang, it is added, is still engaged by the Chinese in the vicinity of Tungpeh and is making little headway in its westward drive.

DISASTROUS FLIGHTS

FROM PAGE ONE

The early part of the encounter was witnessed by a large lunch-time crowd along the coast.

The second German machine, a Junkers-88, was brought down in the sea off the east coast of England.

Witnessed Dog-Fight

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, May 9 (UP).—People in the streets of a port in North Scotland to-day witnessed a dogfight between a British fighter and a German plane.

They saw the British plane chasing the German and heard bursts of machinegun fire from both.

The planes disappeared from view after a few minutes.

5-YEAR-OLD BOY KILLED

A five-year-old Chinese boy named Lai Fuk was killed yesterday when he was buried beneath a bin containing a large quantity of rock sand at the Kowloon Tsai reservoir.

Lai and three other lads were playing near the reservoir when the bin collapsed and fell on them.

Lai was killed, but his companions were still alive when they were dug out, and they were sent to the Kowloon Hospital for treatment.

Hitler Releases War Prisoners

OSLO, May 10 (UP).—All Norwegian prisoners of war have been released on Hitler's orders.

STOCKHOLM, May 9 (Reuter).—The Swedish Press to-day published a chart showing the location of the new minefield laid outside Stockholm harbour.



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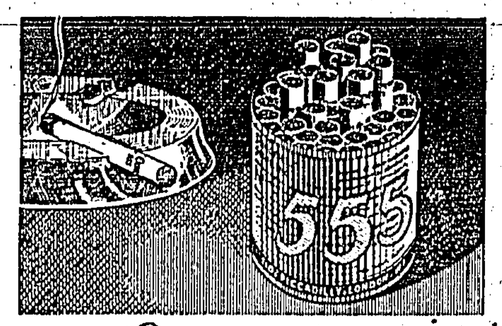
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"Captain Foster's" Racing Review

HEAVY ENTRIES FOR WHITSUN RACES

Whitsun Handicap

SAPPER-FAR VIEW DUEL CONTINUED

Strong Opposition Should Track Be Soft

WE ARE BOUND to have a nice field of good milers in the major event, the Whitsun Handicap, for Australian ponies of this season, and the first prize is worth $750 to the winner.

Far View, the progeny of Farr, heads the handicap list and is followed by Sapper another descendant of the same sire.

It is interesting to relate that Far View has met Mrs. Grasett's candidate three times, but the third contest of the rubber was won by Sapper. I do believe that the slippery grass track at the Easter session was not much appreciated by Far View and should the going be soft to-morrow, I am afraid that Far View with Mr. Pih in the saddle will suffer another defeat. Sapper will be ridden by Mr. Black.

Strong opposition is sure to come from Ascot Day (Mr. Chao), Australian Diamond (Mr. Wei), Contact (Mr. Davis) and Many Thanks (Mr. Proulx).

Ascot Day gave a most convincing exhibition in the Hobart Handicap when the r clocked the mile in 1.45⅘ finis on the bit against the present record of 1.44⅘. Australian Diamond is a good sprinter, and with an allowance of 10 lbs. under the scale the mare has a pull of 20 lbs. against Far View, which is not a small matter.

Mr. W. H. S. Davis, who has half share interest in the stable (Ellandee), does not believe in too much racing, and in the circumstance Contact has only weighed out twice at the Annual Carnival, The mare by Double Court annexed the Perth Plate (first section) over a mile in great style, and he has to be considered for to-morrow's main event.

HANDICAP AGAINST?

MANY Thanks by Chocolate was not well trimmed for the annual meeting, but his last two successful outings were like a champion pony. Carrying the highest impost Mr. Reidy's candidate had no trouble to win the Broken Hill Handicap over six furlongs in 1.17⅘, the time being one two-fifths seconds slower than the existing record. On the strength of the performance the handicapper has allotted Many Thanks the weight for inches as per scale, and the gamble is whether Far View and Sapper can concede him a few pounds of the lead?

I cannot as yet make up my mind which is the best cob to have your money, but my final selections will appear to-morrow. A good race is assured.

Green Island Handicap Divided Into Three Sections: Special $5 Sweep on Third Division

VERY HEAVY NOMINATIONS have been received for the two days of the Whitsun Meeting to be held on May 11 and 13, the largest being 49 entries for the Green Island Handicap confined to "C" class China ponies. It was originally framed by the racing Stewards to divide the entries into two sections at the discretion of the handicapper, but in view of the number it has been decided to have three divisions.

However, it is one of the finest programmes ever presented to the public, for there are in all 20 handicap events of various distances from the 1½ mile post (about half mile 170 yards) to one and a half miles, the majority being long outings.

The Whitsun Handicap for Australian ponies of this season over a mile and the Whitsun Plate for China ponies over the champion course are the two big events, and the first prize of each is worth $750 to the winner.

As I write, heavy clouds are still hanging, but I am looking forward to the Clerk of the Weather to provide a nice and fast track. I hate to recall that the second day of the Whitsun Meeting of last year had to be postponed on account of the heavy downpour.

Saddling bell on the first day will be rung at 1.30 p.m., but on the second day it will be chimed at noon, and two events will be contested before tiffin. After lunch the third race, the Whitsun Plate, will be run at 2.30 p.m., saddling bell being at two o'clock.

The third section of the Green Island Handicap (which is an additional event) will be race No. 11 on the second day, and is to be run at 6.30 p.m. The Jockey Club is conducting a special $5 cash sweep on the said event, but attention of public is drawn to the fact that "all through" chances will not participate, and tickets can be purchased only at the Racecourse during the meeting.

BIG FIELDS EXPECTED

I EXPECT to see big fields because after the Whitsun session all winners during the season will be barred at the last meeting to be held on May 25. All will be out to pick up some silver dollars before the recess, in fact some ponies should have been turned out long ago.

Mr. Eric Moller's string of ponies has already returned to Shanghai for their summer holidays, but they will, of course, be back in time for the Hongkong St. Leger. Mr. C. B. Brown's Burford and a few star ponies (Confusion Bay and Mount Hope Bay) are grazing. Before the month is over the camps at Fanling and Macao will be full.

Shatin H'cap
First Section

SCRAMBLE FOR "D" CLASS CHINA PONIES

THE SHATIN HANDICAP (first section) for "D" class China raters is a scramble from the 1½ mile post (about half mile 170 yards) and anything may happen. It is reliably learned that Mr. Peter Wei has decided to take out This Time instead of Smiling Time, but I think the latter is better suited over this jaunt. I may be wrong, but we shall see how it works out to-morrow.

Personally I am of the opinion that Wilber has a good outside chance, as Mr. Bradbury's candidate has in the past proved to be a reliable speedy merchant over this course.

Portrush has a golden opportunity to atone for his failure in the "Hunchbacks" Handicap at the last meeting, and apart from the allowance given by the weight adjuster, the short run is to his liking. West Lake and Willynilly are dangerous, and either may break the tape first.

Shatin H'cap
Second Section

BIG FIELD MAY DEPEND ON THE START

THERE ARE TWENTY "D" class China ponies assigned to the second section of the Shatin Handicap, which is another fast run from the 1½ mile post, and a lot, of course, depends upon a good start.

Double Chance, Gold Coin, Jack O'Lantern, March Brown, Palmer, Talkative and Valorous have no objection to the gate business and they are first class starters. Double Chance, Gold Coin and Talkative have to cover their faces with blinkers, otherwise they will not run.

All three are looking extremely well and the first named steed should catch the judge's right eye.

If the grass track should be under water, please don't forget the old racer—Valorous.

The Daily Double

Question Of Stamina For First Leg

THE FIRST LEG of the daily double is on the Lead Mine Handicap (second section) for "C" class China ponies over the Derby course and it will be ridden by novices The inclusion of a few China pony griffins of this season will no doubt add a certain amount of interest in the event, but I would like to ask one question: "How many of them can last the distance?"

Soldier of Britain was called to the colours in 1934 and at that time the warrior was certainly good over a distance run, especially his success in the Hongkong St. Leger of that year. Although nicely weighted, I am inclined to believe that the owner of this Tommy Atkins will confine him in barracks so that he may have sufficient stamina and strength to accept the Green Island Handicap over a run less than five furlongs on Whit Monday.

Among the subscription griffins Celtic Star, the winner of 1939 Sports Club Cup, appeals to me as the winner, and Salvage Master (winner of 1938 Sub-griffins St. Leger) and Scenic View should fill the lower positions.

The Second Leg

WE SHOULD HAVE a good field of "C" class Australian ponies in the Bondi Handicap over 1½ miles, but there is not much quality among the lot of racers. Incidentally the Second Leg of the Daily Double is on this event, and it looks that punters may find it hard to get the other 'orse to complete the combination.

On paper Snowy River looks the good 'un, but the cream mare has lost a great deal of her dash and energy and it would be advisable to leave her out.

My best three are Centre Court, Roofly and Twilight Star and I expect them to cross the bar in that order.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

THE FIFTH EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held (weather permitting) at HAPPY VALLEY on **SATURDAY, 11th and MONDAY, 13th May, 1940,** commencing at 2.00 p.m. on **Saturday,** and at 12.30 p.m. on **Monday.**

The First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m. on the First Day and at 12.00 **NOON** on the Second Day. The Tiffin Interval will be after the second race (1.00 p.m.) on the Second Day.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE

The temporary green cardboard badges are now cancelled and will no longer procure admission to the Enclosure.

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The Secretary's Office, 1st floor, Exchange Building, (Tel. 27794) will close at 11.45 a.m. on the First Day and at 10.45 a.m. on the Second Day.

Tiffins are obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy (Tel. 21920).

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The price of Admission to the Public Enclosure is $1.00 including Tax, for all Persons, including Ladies, and is payable at the Gate. Soldiers and Sailors in Uniform are admitted Half Price.

By Order,
C. B. BROWN,
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Hongkong, 6th May, 1940.

SPORT ADVTS.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

NOTICE TO MEMBERS

FIFTH EXTRA RACE MEETING, GREEN ISLAND HANDICAP

2nd Day—Monday, 13th May

In view of the number of entries received for the above, it has been decided to divide the race into three sections.

The third section will be race No. 11 and run at 6.30 p.m.

A cash sweep, tickets $5 each, will be held on this race but "All through" chances will not participate, and tickets can be purchased only at the Race Course during the Meeting.

By Order of the Stewards,
C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 4th May, 1940.

Lead Mine H'cap (1st Sect.)

DIFFICULT CHOICE FOR FIRST EVENT

Gladiator or Rose-Queen May Solve Problem

THE CURTAIN RAISER will be the first section of the Lead Mine Handicap for "C" class China ponies over the Derby course of one and a half miles, and it will be ridden by jockeys who have not won ten races.

Spotting the winner is not easy, as we have to find which ponies can last the distance. There are a few stayers in this bunch, but believe me they have lost a great deal of their prowess.

The two best, in my opinion, are Gladiator and Rose-Queen, but they are getting no younger. The former is hopeless on a muddy course. In his prime Gladiator was considered in 1934 as the best minion from the "Hem" stable, but the pony with Mr. Johnnie up finished down the course, and the heavy going was responsible for its failure in the Hongkong Derby.

In the following year Rose-Queen with Mr. Needs in the saddle succumbed to Herod in the Hongkong Derby by half a length, but can the mare be trusted to give us a carbon copy of 1935's classic performance?

Of the subscription ponies, Rose Evelyn is the only China steed that had won a distance event, namely, the Subscription St. Leger in 1936, but I have reason to say that the mare is not in her own.

Guinness Time and Musketeer have good sporting chances, but the latter is a hard puller, and I am afraid that Mr. K. F. Chiu will not be able to hold him.

I hear that Galveston Bay will be Mr. Treverton's mount, while Boolat Bay will be ridden by his owner—Mr. S. W. Lee. It looks that Galveston Bay will give Mr. Treverton a nice ride, and bring him out of the novice class.



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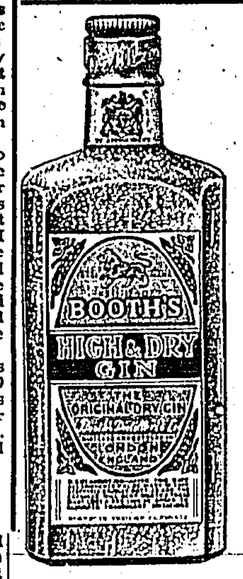
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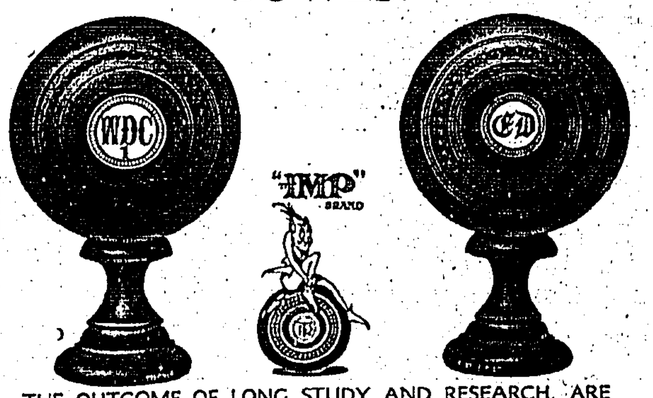


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WITHDRAWALS FROM BASKETBALL LEAGUE

South China Refuse Petition for Stadium

(By "GUARD")

A BOMBSHELL was dropped by the "A" and "B" cagers of South China on Wednesday, on the occasion of the commencement of the basketball season. When their names were called for their matches, the captains of both teams announced their intention of withdrawing from the League, but declined to give any reasons.

No explanation was given until yesterday, when most of the Chinese newspapers published an open letter signed by the players in which were given their reasons for their withdrawal.

It appears that the basketballers wish to profit by South China's "fat" year to ask for a new stadium, the cost of which was estimated at roughly $1,700, and have addressed a petition to the Association, which petition was ignored.

Eastern have also withdrawn their team from the League. Their reason, it seems, is that most of their players are only temporarily transferred from their Shanghai offices and they may be called back at a moment's notice. Eastern will not then be able to put up a team.

LEAGUE DIVIDED

THE LEAGUE has been divided into two sections, First and Second Divisions. Matches will be played at the Chinese Y.M.C.A. every Wednesday and Saturday, the first and third being Second Division matches at 6.15 and 8.15 p.m., and the second will be of the First Division commencing at 7.15.

On Wednesday in the Second Division, Rainbow trounced Ching Mo 42-29 in an exciting encounter marked by some clever centre-pivotal play. Chan Ho scored 14 points for his side and gave an excellent performance. Tsui Fai-yuen tallied 11 points and lent Chan valuable support to carry their side to an easy victory.

Ching Mo was best served by Chan Kwong-ying who scored 14 points for them.

Junior Champions Will Try Once More

ONCE MORE, the present joint champions of the Junior Cricket League will endeavour to play-off to decide the sole winners of the Shield. The Police and the Indian R.C. 2nd XI meet on Sunday on the latter's ground at 2 p.m.

Warwick Farm H'cap

Good Race For The Australians

THE WARWICK FARM HANDICAP for Australian ponies of this season (winners of $1,000 or more in stakes, barred) should produce a good fight between Australian Prince, Rowan and Springhurst, and the run is over the champion course.

Rowan is my fancy, for the mare, although beaten by Fair Chance, showed up well in the Canterbury Park Handicap.

I think that Australian Prince and Springhurst are not stayers.

Spencer Handicap

Income Tax Should Win

INCOME TAX, the property of Taxpayer, must be respected as the best 'un for the last event, the Spencer Handicap, confined to "D" class Australian ponies, over a course from the two mile post, once round and in. He is on the same level with Shuttlecock, but I am afraid that the distance may be too long for the latter. Brown Derby should follow behind.

Cottage Club Paper Hunt On Saturday

THE COTTAGE CLUB paper-hunt for the Flying Dutchman Cup will be held on Saturday at 4 p.m. The meet will be at Sheungshui cross-roads. The Flying Dutchman himself will not fly, as he has broken a wing, but he wishes good luck to all riders.

This will probably be the last hunt of the season.

Ponies will be drawn for at the Club at 3.30 p.m. and transport will be provided to the meet.

Fanling Golf

Mrs. Shrigley Qualifies For Captain's Cup

MRS. SHRIGLEY qualified for the Captain's Cup Competition, in the Ladies' Section of the Royal Hongkong Golf Club, when she returned a card of 103-30=73 over the New Course, at Fanling, during the April qualifying round.

MEDAL CARDS

In the Club Medal Competition, Bronze Division, Mrs. Margrett on April 2 returned the best card, 100-25=75. There were no entries in the Silver Division.

The Captain's Cup Competition will be played at Happy Valley during the months of May, June, July, August and September. The full course is now open at Happy Valley.

Stonecutters H'cap

Eve Of Reason And Hughber Well Tuned

ON PAPER Gay Star (Mr. Hearne) should have an easy passage in the Stonecutters Handicap over 1¼ miles for China pony griffins of this season, but it would be advisable for the mare to keep a sharp look-out for Eve of Reason and Hughber, both are well tuned to concert pitch.

Hillsboro Bay has been set to carry only 140 lbs., and if Mr. Needa can get down to the scale, the combination is worth following for the first position in the semaphore outside the judge's box.

Giants Trounce Pirates

NEW YORK, May 9 (UP).—New York Giants trounced the Pittsburgh Pirates 17-6 in a National League baseball match to-day. Complete scores of games played were:

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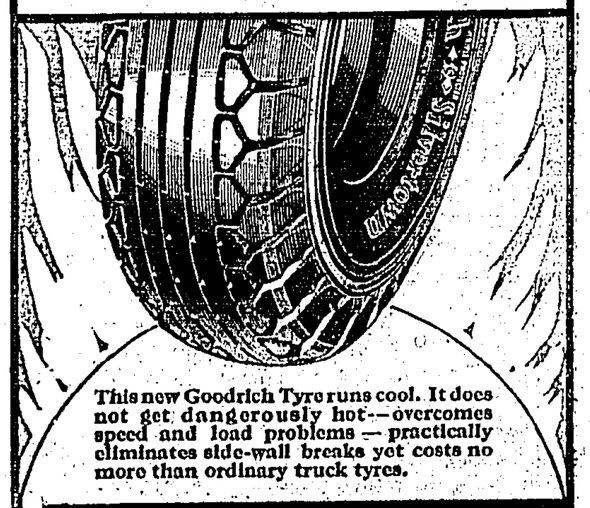


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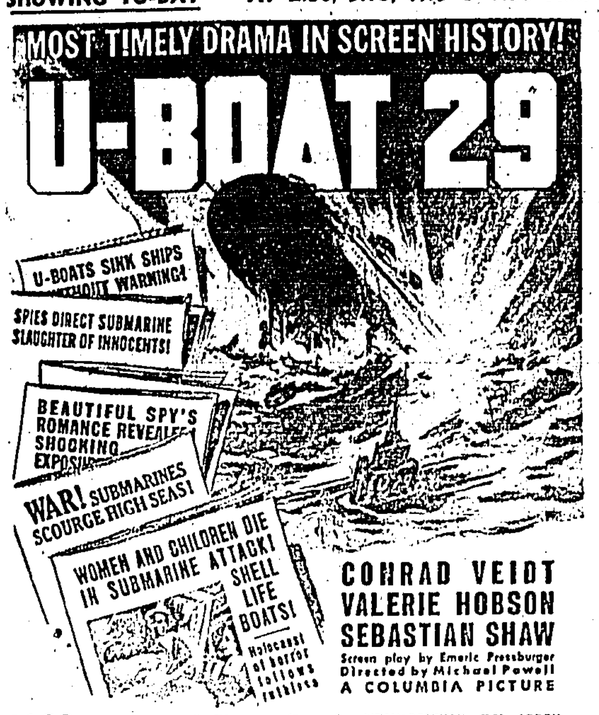
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Holland Not Negotiating

Reported Demands By Nazi Denied

AMSTERDAM, May 9 (Reuter).—An official denial that Holland is negotiating with Germany or any other country was given to "Reuter" last night.

The denial referred to rumours published abroad that following the German demands, Holland had sent emissaries to Berlin.

It was repeated to-night that Holland's defensive preparations are being taken with a view to the international situation and not as the result of any demands made upon her.

Situation Easier

AMSTERDAM, May 9 (Reuter).—Normal passenger traffic on all Dutch railways will be resumed on Saturday.

This is regarded as indicating an easing of the situation.

Army Fully Prepared

BRUSSELS, May 9 (Reuter).—Certain A.R.P. units have been reinforced, but there are no other special measures. The army is already fully prepared.

Decree Bans Meetings

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

THE HAGUE, May 9 (UP).—The Netherlands Commander-in-Chief, General H. Winkelman, has issued a decree, banning all meetings of over 500 persons in the provinces of Overijsel, Gelderland, Noord Brabant, Limburg and Utrecht.

Rounding-Up Tax-Evaders

Inquisitorial Methods By British Govt.

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, May 9 (UP).—Rumours that the Government is planning inquisitorial methods, including the examination of the books of banks, in order to detect British nationals who have not registered their foreign security holdings, were confirmed to-day by the publication of an order in council empowering the Treasury to take steps "for the purpose of securing compliance with or detecting the evasion of "regulations regarding British owned foreign securities."

The Financial Editor of the "Daily Telegraph" recently stated that the Government had learned that "very large amounts" of British funds invested in United States securities during the past few years, mainly for tax avoidance, have still not been reported to the authorities as required by the new Defence Regulations.

Mail Fraud Is Alleged

Another Sensational U.S. Indictment

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

NEW YORK, May 9 (UP).—Mr. Howard C. Hopson, former President of the billion dollar Associated Gas & Electric Company, together with three associates, was to-day indicted for mail fraud conspiracy charges.

The Federal Grand Jury accused them of defrauding investors of over $20,000,000.

They will be arraigned on Tuesday next.

Inter-American Bank Scheme

WASHINGTON, May 9 (Reuter).—The establishment of an Inter-American Bank with a capital of $100,000,000 is now virtually assured.

The required minimum of six nations have filed notice that they will sign the draft convention to-morrow.

The nations concerned are the United States, Mexico, Columbia, Ecuador, Nicaragua and the Dominican Republic.

WESTERN FRONT

Infantry In Action

PARIS, May 9 (Reuter).—An official communique issued to-day states that during last night infantry actions took place on a large front. The enemy were repulsed everywhere.

During the day there was activity of both artilleries to the West of the Vosges and in the region of Wissembourg.

Nazis Taken Prisoners

Four occupants of a German reconnaissance bomber which made a forced landing at a village in central France were held prisoner by farm labourers until taken into custody by the military authorities.

Strengthening Maginot Line

PARIS, May 9 (Reuter).—The work of deepening and strengthening the Maginot Line has continued uninterrupted since the war broke out.

To date French engineers have built 1,200 extra reinforced concrete blockhouses and have used nearly 1,000,000 tons of materials.

U.S. Planes To Visit Dutch Island

COLON, May 9 (Reuter).—Great significance is attached in Panama to the forthcoming "courtesy visit" of two United States Army bomber planes from the Canal Zone to the Netherland's island of Aruba, which is off the Venezuelan coast.

There are many important oil refineries at Aruba.

The bombers will take off from Albrook aerodrome in the Canal Zone at dawn to-morrow.

It will be the first trip from the Canal to Aruba by United States Army planes.

The visit is considered important in view of the recent discussions on the possibility of action by the United States regarding the Dutch insular possessions in the event of Holland becoming involved in a European war.

Truce Called In Eire Dail

Two By-Elections Are Postponed

LONDON, May 9 (Reuter).—A political truce was announced in the Eire Dail to-day by Mr. Cosgrave, leader of the Opposition.

He said that his party did not propose to contest the by-election in Galway for a seat, rendered vacant by the death of a Government supporter, nor did he propose to move a writ for the Kilkenny vacancy, due to the death of a member of his own party.

He said that he would not move the Kilkenny writ until Mr. De Valera had said that the danger of a civil disturbance was past.

It is understood that both by-elections will be postponed for three months.

Lieut. L. H. Kettle, who is reported among the casualties in H.M. submarine Tarpon, was formerly in Hongkong, where he was attached to H.M.S. Regent.

England Will Be Ruthless

Foreign Comment On Commons Debate

LONDON, May 9 (Reuter).—The "Gothenburg Goteborsposten" says: "England's extraordinary power is seldom oppressive and often Stabilising and peace-producing.

"But when the Empire is at stake, Englishmen can show ruthlessness more than anyone else. We now must be prepared for a ruthless England."

The Stockholm "Tidnungen" says: "The British follow a fine old tradition. They cast off the camouflage of a critical situation and speak out as though the enemy and the world are not listening to every word. They do not attempt to paint a favourable picture, but ruthlessly emphasise the situation's gravity, and much of the criticism concerns the Cabinet's efforts to represent matters in a better light than were justified. There was no tone of defeatism in the chorus of dissatisfaction, although recent events were recognised as defeat."

Proud Traditions Maintained

The "Dagens Nyheter" says: "The English House of Commons maintains the proudest traditions of debate on the affairs of a State in a very serious situation with an energy and unrestraint sharply contrasting with the hush-hush campaign carried on by the government of smaller democracies. The Government considers the danger of silencing criticism and ignoring the people's representatives still greater. The result is confrontation of the governors and the governed, from which the country proceeds with greater determination and continues to fight at all costs."

U.S. Press Comment

NEW YORK, May 9 (Reuter).—The New York press comments favourably on the fact that it is possible to air complaints in Parliament so freely and to hold the Ministers to account so directly.

The "New York Times" says that notice has been served on Mr. Chamberlain and his colleagues. The paper says that they are on trial before their own people as well as those of France.

The Government has won an uneasy reprieve after the most violent battering of its career.

The "Herald Tribune" does not see in Chamberlain one who has the personal vigour or driving ability to eradicate the weaknesses of the conduct of the war. It is imperative, says the paper, that those weaknesses should be eradicated.

The "New York Post" contrasts uncertain England with Germany moving on a fixed schedule preparing for the summer campaign.

The "New York Sun" points out that the Government must carry on the war with greater vigour.

Silver Buying To Be Stopped

U.S. Senate Approves New Legislation

WASHINGTON, May 9 (Reuter).—The Senate to-night passed by 45 votes to 36 legislation to end the Administration's seven-year - old policy of buying foreign silver.

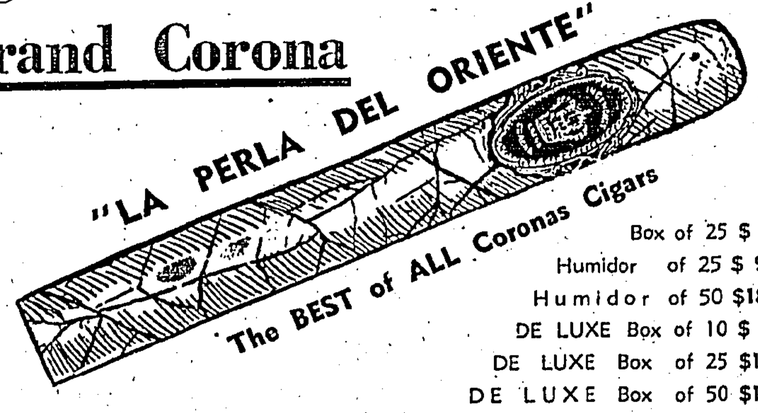
Earlier the Senate had rejected the proposal by Senator Key Pittman to continue purchases but to require sellers to use the proceeds from the silver sales for buying United States farm products.

The Bill, which now goes to the House of Representatives, would terminate the authority for silver purchases granted to the President and Treasury under the Silver Purchase Act of 1934.

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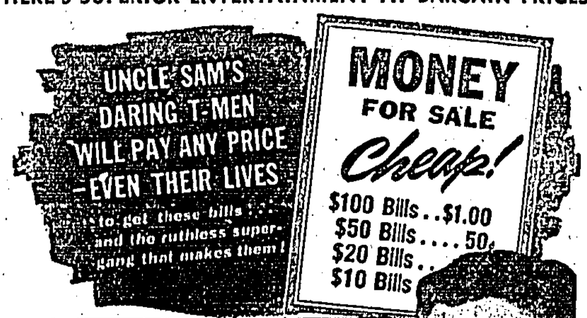
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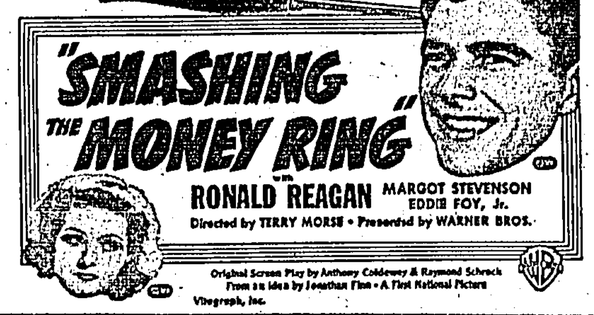
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STOCK EXCHANGE HAS GOOD DAY

LONDON, May 9 (Reuter).—On the Stock Exchange to-day, Kaffirs maintained a good disposition and movements again favoured holders.

In other directions a better sentiment prevailed after initial dullness. Gilt-edged securities met with renewed support, while the recent sagging of industrials was checked by some bear-covering.

Brazilians weakened but other foreign bonds were mainly steady.

Rubber holdings were helped by good dividend announcements.

Wall Street was firm.

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GOVT. IS DOOMED

Premier Advised To Resign

By H. L. PERCY
("UNITED PRESS" STAFF CORRESPONDENT)

LONDON, May 10 (UP).—The majority of Members of Parliament with whom I talked last night adhere to the conviction that the Chamberlain Government is doomed.

Its survival could be prolonged for only a brief period.

A group of rebel Conservatives have already discussed with Mr. Chamberlain the question of his resignation, and have advised him to offer his services under another Prime Minister.

Three Possible Courses

Several courses are open to Mr. Chamberlain if he sees His Majesty the King.

1.—He may resign outright, leaving it up to the Labour Party or, if they refuse or fail, to the Liberal Party to form a Cabinet.

2.—He may tender the resignation of himself and members of the Cabinet to the King, and form an entirely new Cabinet.

3.—He may resign and suggest to His Majesty that some other prominent Conservative, such as Lord Halifax or Mr. Churchill, form a new Cabinet.

The third course seems the most likely one Mr. Chamberlain will adopt.

Labour Party's Reluctance

The Parliamentary Labour Party is reluctant to form a Government and the Opposition Liberals are too weak to gain any substantial following in the House.

The likeliest development is that Lord Halifax will become Premier (with a seat in the House of Lords) and Mr. Churchill leader in the House of Commons.

The Opposition, however, is almost certain to object to the Premier sitting in the House of Lords and Mr. Churchill may, therefore, become Premier.

If Mr. Chamberlain resigns outright, the only two possible contestants for the Premiership appear to be Lord Halifax and Mr. Churchill.

Churchill Favoured

It is believed that the Labour Opposition would agree to join a War Ministry under Mr. Churchill. It is pointed out, however, that the sanction of the Labour Party Conference, which opens at Bournemouth on Monday, must be obtained before Labour Members can join a Coalition Government.

The conference would be largely influenced by the decision of the Executive Committee.

The next 48 hours will be the most potential period.

Germans Warned

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BERLIN, May 9 (UP).—The "Hamburger Fremdenblatt" warns German readers that the impending resignation of Mr. Chamberlain will mean an "intensification of the British drive to spread the war."

"English mentality for the first eight months of war has been characterised by increasing eagerness."

European Reported Missing

Captain Andre Kella aged 52 of 30 Mody Road, Kowloon was reported missing to the police last night.

When he left home shortly after dinner on Monday night, he told his niece, Miss Sheila Haines, that he was going to his ship. He has not been seen since.

Captain Kella is of medium build with fair hair and grey eyes. He was dressed in a dark tweed suit when he left his home.



Lieut.-Com. J. H. Forbes, captain of the submarine Spearfish, which torpedoed the Nazi pocket battleship Admiral Scheer.

RUSSIAN WARNING ALLEGED

Concentrations In The Balkans

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

SOFIA, May 9 (Domei).—Diplomatic sources in Sofia state that Soviet Russia has warned the Allies, Germany and Italy that the Soviet Union cannot remain indifferent to the concentration of forces now taking place in the Balkan sector.

The warning is also said to have been extended to Rumania and Yugo-Slavia.

Bulgarian official circles believe that this step by the U.S.S.R. endorses her future policy in the Balkans.

They recall that, following the despatch of a Yugo-Slavian military delegation to Moscow, a Soviet military mission is now en route to Yugo-Slavia.

From Moscow, however, the official "Tass" Agency denies that the Soviet has offered to come to the aid of Yugo-Slavia or Rumania if they are invaded by Germany.

France Cleans-up Communists

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

PARIS, May 9 (UP).—The Prefect of Police announces that the clean-up of Communists in France since the outbreak of war has resulted in the arrest of 2,241 persons.

They include 21 Deputies, 13 Municipal and Department Councillors, 25 Mayors and suburban Councillors, 11 City Hall secretaries and 701 important Communist agitators.

In addition, the Police have suppressed 67 Communist newspapers, closed 202 Communist headquarters and dissolved 321 Communist-controlled Unions.

WEEK-LONG TENSION IN NETHERLANDS COMES TO CLIMAX THIS MORNING

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

AMSTERDAM, May 10 (UP).—GERMANY HAS INVADED THE NETHERLANDS.

OWING TO THE STRICT CENSORSHIP OVER ALL TELEGRAPHIC AND TELEPHONIC COMMUNICATIONS IMPOSED BY THE NETHERLANDS GOVERNMENT IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO OBTAIN MORE THAN MEAGRE DETAILS AT PRESENT.

The invasion is apparently nation-wide, and is apparently being carried out by means of transport planes.

First intimation that something was amiss came shortly before midnight when the Netherlands Government imposed a strict censorship on all communications and closed the locks of canals around Amsterdam.

BRIEF STORY OF INVASION

Here, in brief urgent flashes is the story of the invasion, as told by "United Press" correspondents.

2.41 a.m. (9.41 a.m. H.K.T.) The noise of unidentified planes is audible over Amsterdam.

Searchlights immediately went into action, and anti-aircraft guns fired at the mystery machines for five minutes.

SKY DARK WITH AEROPLANES

4.5 a.m. (11.5 a.m. H.K.T.) The sky over Holland is darkened by planes of unknown nationality.

Amsterdam's anti-aircraft guns have again gone into action.

Intense anti-aircraft fire is reported from the entire countryside.

Huge squadrons of big planes are crossing to and fro over the entire country.

4.15 a.m. (11.15 a.m. H.K.T.).—A squadron of foreign planes is circling the Denhelder Naval Base.

Six German seaplanes are circling over Ijumiden.

Fifty planes of unknown nationality are above Nijmegen.

FIERCE AERIAL DOG-FIGHTS

5 a.m. (Noon H.K.T.) Fierce dog-fights are in progress over Amsterdam. Dutch fighters are diving on the bombers. The latter are believed to be German.

5.10 a.m. (12.10 p.m. H.K.T.).—German planes are now bombing the Dutch airfield at Welschap, near Eindhoven.

Three German planes attempted to land in Zeeland, but were repelled or brought down by Dutch anti-aircraft fire.

PARACHUTE TROOPS LAND

5.30 a.m. (12.30 p.m. H.K.T.)—A later message says that about one hundred Nazi parachute troops landed near Doredrecht.

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

AMSTERDAM, May 10 (UP).—New and ominous developments are occurring in the Netherlands to-night.

They coincide with a flood of fresh rumours which are impossible to verify.

The Government suddenly cut off all incoming telephone and telegraph communications and, without warning, the Army took control of all wires.

"United Press" was informed at 11 p.m. (6 a.m. H.K.T.) that the measure would become effective immediately.

No communications are now permitted except by cable service.

All locks in the Amsterdam canal area were closed at nightfall under orders from the authorities.

A.A. Guns In Action

The series of Government precautions culminated at 2.41 a.m. (9.41 a.m. H.K.T.) with dramatic action on the part of Amsterdam's anti-aircraft guns.

The roar of approaching aeroplanes was distinctly heard in the residential districts of southern Amsterdam.

Searchlights immediately criss-crossed the sky and A.A. guns opened fire from several points at 2.41 a.m.

Firing ceased five minutes later.

LABOUR FAVOURS LLOYD GEORGE

By Frederick Kuh
("UNITED PRESS" STAFF CORRESPONDENT)

LONDON, May 9 (UP).—A prominent member of the Parliamentary Labour Party informed me to-night that Mr. Lloyd George would be the most suitable man for the Premiership from the Labour point of view.

He admitted, however, that such a selection would encounter stiff opposition from the Conservatives, and this opposition would prove decisive.

Labour's next best choice, he said, was Mr. Churchill, but Labour's acceptance of office under Lord Halifax should not be ruled out.

Liberal members express almost identical views.

Disastrous Flights

Nazis Lose Planes Over Britain

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, May, 10 (UP).—Reconnaissance and mine-laying flights by German machines over England and Scotland proved disastrous for the invaders to-day, two machines being brought down.

A Dornier "fighting pencil" was brought down fourteen miles off a north-eastern Scottish coast town after attempting to reconnoitre inland.

Spitfires took to the air as soon as the Dornier was reported to be approaching and caught up with the invader after it had crossed the coast-line.

Pilot Drowned

The German made a desperate

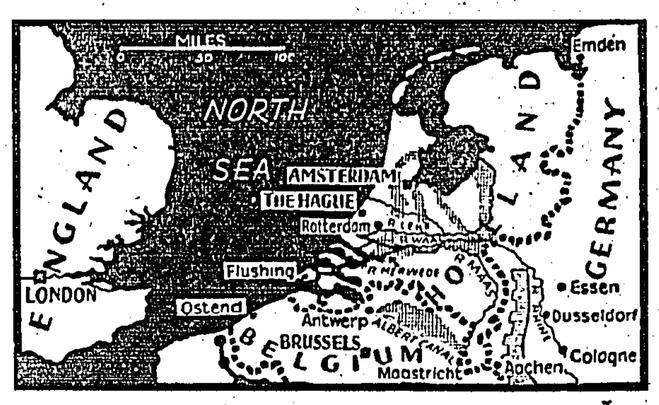
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WRIT AGAINST SWEDISH SHIP

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

PORTLAND, Ore. May 9 (UP).—The British importing and exporting firm Balfour, Guthrie & Company have filed a claim for $1,800 against the Swedish motorship Dagmar.

They claim that 60,000 bags of sugar were spoiled as the result of the infiltration of kerosene when the ship was en route from Manila.



Allies Tighten Grip In North Norway

NAZIS RETREAT FROM NARVIK

By PETER RHODES
(UNITED PRESS STAFF CORRESPONDENT)

KIRUNA, Norwegian Border, May 9 (UP).—The German forces east of Narvik are retreating toward the Swedish frontier.

Only nine miles separate two Allied and Norwegian columns, which are driving down the mountains on Bjordfjuell, where the Narvik railway to the Swedish iron ore mines in Kiruna cuts through the mountains into Sweden.

Should these two forces close across the valley through which the vital railway passes, the German garrison in Narvik will be completely isolated, and a final assault on the port can be expected to follow at once.

Allied Advance

The Allied and Norwegian forces appear to have made considerable progress from the north and have now captured all the ridges dominating the German positions along the railway.

Additionally, Elvergard and Moen, at the foot of Herjangs Fjord, have been re-captured by Allied forces.

The Norwegians, reinforced by skilled French Alpine ski troops, have spent the past ten days mopping up the Germans on the ridges dominating the railway. This task is now completed.

Simultaneously, another Allied force has landed at Elvergaard and is now toiling over Storstein Mountain towards the southern ridge of dominating Bjordfjuell heights.

Nazis Fly Reinforcements

Best reports available on the frontier indicate that the Germans have been reinforced by approximately 1,000 troops who have been flown to Narvik by transport plane since the first landing. This would make the total Nazi defence force in Narvik only 5,000 men.

Because of increased Allied air activity in the north, it is no longer

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LATEST

BRITISH LAND IN ICELAND

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, May 10, (UP).—The Foreign Office has officially announced that British forces have landed in Iceland.

TROOPS OVER FRONTIER

AMSTERDAM, 6.10 A.M. (1.10 P.M. H.K.T. — UP). — HUNDREDS OF PARACHUTISTS HAVE LANDED AT HOOGEZWALUWE.

IT IS REPORTED THAT THE GERMANS HAVE CROSSED THE DUTCH FRONTIER NEAR ROERMOND. THIS LATTER REPORT IS NOT AT PRESENT CONFIRMED.

Lack Of A.A. Guns Cause Of Failure In Norway

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

PARIS, May 9 (UP).—The lack of anti-aircraft guns in Norway is blamed by M. Koht, the Norwegian Foreign Minister, for the failure of the Allied and Norwegian forces to hold the German advance.

"We could have easily held the Germans if we had had sufficient A.A. guns to keep their planes away," he said.

"Do not believe that we are despairing over what has happened.

"The Norwegian Army is not quitting and will continue to fight every inch of the way.

"Our King and the Crown Prince never have had any idea of leaving the country. They are still in Norway and there they intend to remain.

Not a Setback

"It is a mistake to look on the tactical withdrawal from South Norway as a setback.

"The Allies are still in control at Narvik. French troops are predominant there now because they were the first to arrive.

"Allied strategy is not going to be tricked by Germany's attempts to force us to withdraw too many fighting troops from Europe, where the main battlefront will remain until victory.

"Of ultimate victory we have not the slightest doubt."

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NAZIS LOSE 4 SHIPS

Fresh Successes By British Submarines

LONDON, May 9 (Reuter).—An Admiralty communique announces that British submarines have had further success in their operations against enemy transports and supply ships.

In an attack on a convoy of ten enemy ships, six torpedoes found their mark. Three hits were made on another convoy and two on a third convoy.

One ship sailing independently was torpedoed and sunk.

Another was driven ashore and was destroyed by gunfire and torpedo.

Bravery Has Its Reward

Gallant Officers Are Decorated

LONDON, May 9 (Reuter).—The daring resourcefulness of officers and men of the Fleet Air Arm and the submarine service off the Norwegian coast is recognised in a long list of awards published to-day in the "London Gazette".

Those who will receive the D.S.O. include Captain Richard Thomas Patridge, Royal Marines; Lt. William Paulet Lucy, Royal Navy; Lt.-Cmdr. Christopher Haynes Hutchinson, of the submarine Truant; Lt.-Cmdr. John Hay Forbes, of the submarine Sunfish; and Lt. William Donald King, of the submarine Snapper.

There are also a number of Distinguished Service Crosses and Distinguished Service Medals and mentions in the despatches.

An unusual distinction falls to Acting Lieutenant E. W. T. Taylour, who is awarded the D.S.C., a bar, and is mentioned in despatches.

STOCKHOLM, May 9 (Reuter).—The Swedish Press to-day published a chart showing the location of the new minefield laid outside Stockholm harbour.



NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

BANK HOLIDAY

In accordance with Government Ordinance, the Exchange Banks will be closed for the transaction of Public Business on Monday, the 13th May, 1940. (Whit Monday).

Hongkong, 8th May, 1940.

THE INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE OF GENERAL MEETING

The Fifty-ninth Ordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held at the Offices of the General Managers, Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., Pedder Street, Hong Kong, on **Thursday, 30th May, 1940, at noon,** for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, passing the Accounts, and electing Directors and Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 23rd May to 13th June inclusive.

By order of the Board.
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., LTD.
General Managers.

Hongkong, 16th April, 1940.

THE CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE LIMITED.

Notice to Shareholders

The Fifty-Ninth Ordinary Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the undersigned on **Wednesday, the 22nd May, 1940, at Noon,** for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Agents, together with a statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December, 1939.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 8th May to the 22nd May, 1940, both days inclusive.

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Hongkong, 1st May, 1940.

G. R.

PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on **Tuesday,** the 14th day of **May,** 1940, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Sham-shuipo, in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 75 years.

Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, ($200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements N.	S.	E.	W.	Contents in sq. feet	Annual Rental.	Upset Price
			feet	feet	feet	feet			
1	Kowloon Inland Lot No. 4253.	Junction of Tong Mi Road and Bute Street, Mong Kok.	as per sale plan.				Abont 18,970	$ 348	$ 33,198

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2	Kowloon Inland Lot No. 4254.	Junction of Tong Mi Road and Aran Street, Mong Kok.	As per sale plan.				About 18,970	$ 348	$ 33,198

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3	New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 2791.	Junction of Yen Chou Street & Un Chau Street, Shamshuipo.	as per sale plan.				About 12,930	$ 236	$ 25,760

WHAT ARE WE FIGHTING FOR?

(Continued from Page 6.)

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Lot No.	Storers.	Cargo.	Date Stored	Order of.
G 25151	Kae Shean & Co.	1 Bale Cardboard	11/7/31	—
25208	Kae Shean & Co.	6 Bales Strawboard	9/6/31	—
J 26072	Ching Fong Chong & Co.	79 Bags Cotton Gloves	24/6/36	—
H 30849	Meezon & Co.	4 Cases Pencils	2/6/37	—
J 27077	Kong Kee & Co., Ltd.	16 Casks Retorts	23/7/36	—
G 62663	Tai Hing	1 Case Cotton Goods	6/1/31	—
J 27054	Tack Wo Kung Kee Dyestuff Co.	2 Casks Dyes	29/9/36	—
27056	Tack Wo Kung Kee Dyestuff Co.	1 Cask Dyes	29/9/36	—
27800	Tack Wo Kung Kee Dyestuff Co.	1 Drum Sod. Sulphate	21/10/36	—
27814	Tack Wo Kung Kee Dyestuff Co.	8 Drums Sod. Sulphate	25/10/36	—
28201	Tack Wo Kung Kee Dyestuff Co.	100 Drums Sulphur Black	27/1/39	—
G 25016	Wing Hong	20 Cases Hosiery Wool	29/10/31	—
26004	Wing Hong	3 Cases Hosiery Wool	4/12/31	—
H 26203	Leung Yui Wing	1 Box Cinema Films	15/4/35	—
26217	Leung Yui Wing	1 Box Cinema Films	24/4/35	—
H 29894	Tam Yui Lin	1 Case Machinery	23/9/36	—
31109	Tung Sing & Co.	3 Cases Rayon Goods	14/7/37	—
31351	Tin Tao & Co.	5 Pkges. Match Machine	21/8/37	—
31599	Tin Tao & Co.	10 Pkges. Match Machine	16/10/37	—
29739	Kwanan Trading Co.	8 Cases Water Bottles	7/8/36	—
F 38922	Canton Trading Assn.	2 Cases Packing	9/3/26	Nederlandsche Handel Maatschappij
G 39459	Canton Trading Assn.	2 Cases Medicines	25/4/32	—
F 45201	Hongkong Import & Export Co.	1 Case Perfumery	22/10/28	—
G 44747	Hongkong Import & Export Co.	1 Case Talcum Powder	9/6/29	—
23874	Toa Trading Co., Canton	2 Cases Gauze	20/9/30	—
25869	Toa Trading Co., Canton	1 Case Printed Matter	22/1/31	Nippon Yusen Kaisha
30687	Yokohama Specie Bank	1 Case Asb. Sheets	9/12/29	—
30688	Yokohama Specie Bank	1 Case Asb. Sheets	9/12/29	—
67978	N. S. Moses & Co., Ltd.	14 Cases Goldstone	4/6/31	—
H 33315	Hirata & Co, Canton	3 Cases Waterproof Cloth	15/3/33	Nippon Yusen Kaisha
46011	Hirata & Co., Canton	7 Cases Fasteners	2/8/37	Nippon Yusen Kaisha
33457	Muller & Phipps, Ltd.	3 Cases Prepared Food	28/3/33	—
35877	Chartered Bank of India	1 Case Disinfectant	11/12/33	—
37864	Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., Agents, "Glen" Line	51 Pkges. Sanitary Ware	21/8/34	Manufacturers Bank of China
40488	Capt. Godinez	1 Case Horse Races	27/6/35	—
42520	Kawamura & Co., Canton	1 Case Instruments	24/2/36	—
42911	Stard & Co., Canton	1 Crate Kettle	29/4/36	Nippon Yusen Kaisha
43373	Central European Trading Co., Canton	3 Bales Woollen Yarn	9/7/36	—
43465	Central European Trading Co., Canton	60 Pkges. Asb. Sheets	21/7/36	—
43775	Central European Trading Co., Canton	4 Cases Band Steel	10/7/36	—
H 43867	Central European Trading Co., Canton	1 Case Machine	12/9/36	—
44222	Central European Trading Co., Canton	1 Case Machine	14/11/36	—
45629	Giko Yoko, Canton	5 Cases Lamp Cord	27/6/37	Nippon Yusen Kaisha
45917	T. Eyaki	1 Case Glass Bottles	23/7/37	Yokohama Specie Bank, Ltd.
G 13255	Hongkong Trading Co.	2 Cases Turpentine	16/4/32	—
H 12223	Wing Cheong & Co.	2 Cases Port Wine	31/12/33	—
13484	Wing Cheong & Co.	2 Cases Vermouth	15/8/34	—
E 14421	J. M. Noronha	2 Drums Rect. Alcohol	4/10/24	—
F 14688	Lammert Bros.	28 Cases Wine	12/1/29	—
14689	Lammert Bros.	20 Cases Wine	12/1/29	—
G 13473	Honwan Trading Co., Canton	1 Case Beer	9/6/32	—
H 11033/6	Ko Chi Cheung	8 Cases Brandy, etc.	16/6/33	—
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G 8203	Ping Kee	15 Tins Dyes	1/8/36	—
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1.00 Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.03 Charlie Kunz at the Piano.

1.13 Primo Scala's Accordeon Band.

1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 The Bohemians, Frances Langford and Flanagan and Allen.

2.15 Close Down.

6.00 An Hour of Dance Music.

7.00 Closing Local Stock Quotations.

7.02 Muriel Brunskill (Contralto) and The Scottish Country Dance Orchestra.

7.15 London Relay—"The Voice of the Nazi":—"What the German Hears."

Talk by Professor W. A. Sinclair.

7.30 London Relay—The News.

8.00 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 Short Mozart Programme.

Rondo (from Serenade in D Major "Haffner"), Fritz Kreisler (Violin) with Piano accomp. by Franz Rupp; Overture "Cosi Fan Tutte", The B. B. C. Symphony Orchestra cond. by Sir Adrian Boult.

8.15 Studio—Recital by Gaston D'Aquino (Tenor) with E. O'Neil Shaw at the Piano.

1. (a) Il Mio Tesoro Intanto ("Don Giovanni"—Mozart), (b) So Il Mio Nome ("The Barber of Seville"—Rossini); 2. (a) Morning (Tchaikowsky), (b) Jeanie with the Light Brown Hair (Stephen Foster), (c) Oft in the Stilly Night (Trad.) Irish Air); 3. (a) Mattinata (Tosti), (b) Luna d'Estate (Tosti).

8.40 Compositions of Elgar.

9.15 London Relay—News Summary.

9.30 London Relay—"World Affairs."

9.45 A Request Classical Programme.

11.00 Close Down.

No Room For Italians

Suez Canal Directors Remain Exclusive

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

PARIS, May 10 (UP).—Italian pretensions to representation on the Directorate of the Suez Canal Company will be entirely ignored by the 32 members of the Council at its annual meeting, which will be held next month.

"The Canal authorities have received no official request proposing Italian participation on the Administrative Board," the "United Press" was informed by a reliable source.

The Suez Canal is operated as a private company and is open to the ships of every nation.

"Even to-day, with Germany at war with the Allies, German ships complying with the Company's rules would be permitted passage through the Canal," the "United Press" informant said.

5-YEAR-OLD BOY KILLED

A five-year-old Chinese boy named Lai Fuk was killed yesterday when he was buried beneath a bin containing a large quantity of rock sand at the Kowloon Tsai reservoir.

Lai and three other lads were playing near the reservoir when the bin collapsed and fell on them.

Lai was killed, but his companions were still alive when they were dug out, and they were sent to the Kowloon Hospital for treatment.

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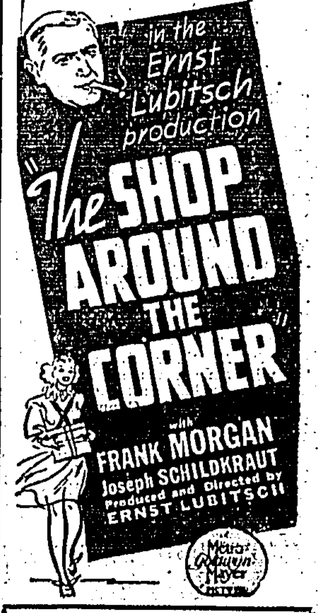
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THE WORLD'S SHYEST MONARCH

Is King Haakon of Norway, whose brother is King of Denmark and whose wife is Princess Maud of Wales. His son (Crown Prince Olav) was born in England.

KING HAAKON VII, the giant 6-foot 4-inch sailor who is first to occupy the Throne of modern Norway, is Europe's least known, least publicised and shyest reigning Monarch.

The only King to whom he had to concede any inches was his own brother, Christian X of Denmark. With him he shared the reputation of being the most democratic monarch even in a Europe shorn of all but a few of the glittering royal courts of pre-war years.

When members of reigning houses in some parts of Europe never left their palaces without solid lines of bayonets to guard them, Haakon of Norway and Christian of Denmark walked abroad daily among their subjects entirely unguarded.

In fact, the gigantic stature of the two Scandinavian brothers made them both so conspicuous in any crowd that they were constant sources of anxiety to the detectives assigned to protect them when they visited foreign capitals.

Haakon, like Christian, hates the kind of protection normally accorded to royalty and refuses to be guarded when at home in Oslo.

Unlike his brother, however, Haakon VII was not a familiar figure among his subjects. The reason for this was his lifelong shyness, not any hankering after formality.

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BORN a Dane, of the ruling house of Schleswig-Holstein-Sonderburg-Glucksburg which has supplied Europe with more sovereigns than almost any family except the Bourbons, Haakon was elected first King of Norway when its tough, sea-faring, mountaineering people broke away from union with Sweden in 1905.

His unassuming, democratic rule enabled him, in the face of occasional awkward snubs from the Norwegian Socialists, to retain his kingdom at a time when some of Europe's greatest monarchies were crashing or shorn of all but a shadow of their former power.

King Haakon was born on August 3, 1872, at Charlottenlund Palace in Denmark. He was christened Christian Fredrik Karl Georg Waldemar Axel and was known as Prince Karl. His father was Crown Prince Fredrik, afterwards King Fredrik VIII of Denmark.

As the younger son of a not-too-wealthy family, Prince Karl was brought up in an unpretentious manner.

His only apparent chance of becoming a reigning monarch was in the very unlikely event of his brother Christian—two years older than himself—dying.

Consequently, when he was still a small boy, Prince Karl was entered as a cadet in the Danish navy.



IN the very democratic life of a Danish warship Prince Karl found that royal birth was, if anything, a disadvantage.

His fellow-cadets took it on themselves to guard against any signs of "uppishness" on his part.

He had to scrub decks, swarm up masts into the rigging, mend his own socks and sleep in a hammock wearing nothing but a sailor's woollen striped undershirt, with his clothes rolled under his head as a pillow.

He spent all his early manhood in the navy and had only reached the rank of lieutenant when he left it to become king.

In the middle nineties rumour was busy in the courts of Europe, searching for a likely consort for the youthful, still unmarried Queen Wilhelmina of the Netherlands.

By common consent Prince Karl of Denmark was considered as promising a candidate as any and he was shipped off to The Hague to make himself known at the Dutch court.

According to report, he got as far as teaching Queen Wilhelmina to play chess, but apart from that made no real effort to make himself agreeable and came back to Copenhagen without a bride.

The real reason for this backwardness, however, was that he had already made the acquaintance of the lady of his choice, Princess Maud of Wales, youngest and, it was generally agreed, best looking of the daughters of the Prince of Wales, afterwards King Edward VII.

She was his first cousin, since her mother—afterwards Queen Alexandra was sister of the Prince's father.

Their engagement was announced shortly afterwards and they were married in England in July, 1896.

Even after his marriage Prince Karl had to live on a very modest scale with an income of only £15,000 a year.

He and his English bride made their home in a small apartment in one corner of the Copenhagen Palace belonging to the King of Greece.

Prince Karl often spent months at a time away at sea and in Copenhagen society he was not well known.

His son, Crown Prince Olav of Norway, was born at Appleton House, Sandringham, on July 2, 1903.

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IN 1905 Norway after years of discontent, broke away from Sweden, with which she had been united under one King since 1815.

The Norwegians asked King Oscar II of Sweden to choose them a ruler from the junior branches of his own family.

He refused, and the Norwegians then looked to Denmark for a King.

By a vote of 259,583 to 69,264 Prince Karl of Denmark was chosen to be the first ruler of an independent Norway for five centuries.

The last Norwegian king had been Haakon VI in the thirteenth century.

When Prince Karl took the throne at the age of thirty-three he assumed the title of King Haakon VII. (The name is actually pronounced "Hawkon").

King Haakon and Queen Maud came to their new capital—then known as Christiana—amid scenes of tremendous popular rejoicing on November 26, 1905.

Despite occasional rebuffs from the Socialists, King Haakon and his British Queen, by their tact and generally unassuming manner, soon showed themselves to be just the kind of Monarchs suited to the democratic Norwegian people.

Although King Haakon was painfully shy, especially of women, he made special efforts to visit all parts of his mountainous kingdom. His Silver Jubilee was celebrated in 1930.

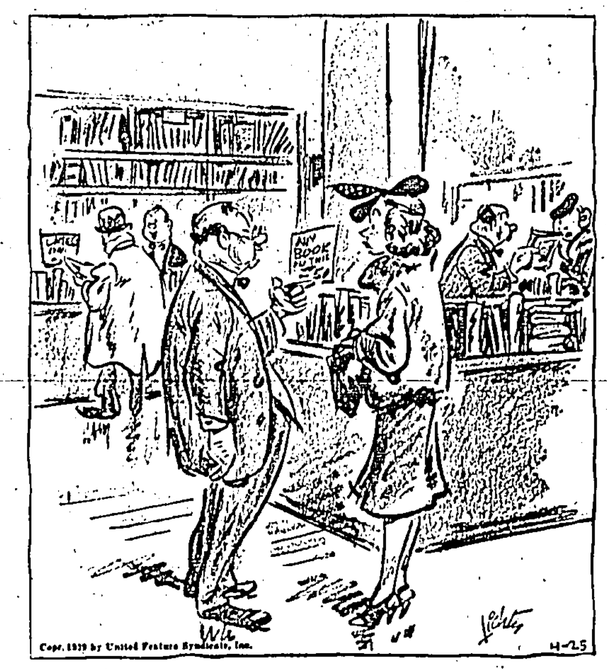
King Haakon had a physique to match his height. He is rather dark, with a heavy moustache and is inclined to baldness. As a young man he was considered handsomer than most royalties.

Throughout his life he has been an ardent sportsman. He hunts, boxes, plays tennis, fences and is an excellent dancer. He used to swim nearly every morning before breakfast. He is exceedingly strong—so strong, in fact, that his friends say he can take a poker in his hands and bend it double.

Both King Haakon and Queen Maud visited England at least once every year. Queen Maud, it will be recalled, died in England about 18 months ago. Her remains were taken to Norway in a British warship.

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With Hitler in Poland

BY W. N. EWER

WHAT, I was asked the other day, are the Nazis doing in Poland? Plundering it no doubt, but what else?

What is their policy? Are they really setting up some kind of Polish State? How are things going?

Questions only too easy to answer: for there is quite reliable information to hand. But the answers are grim ones.

All that early pretence of setting up of a Polish State, of making a settlement with a new Polish Government, of merely annexing to Germany a few slices of territory that might plausibly be argued to be German, has gone.

It was never serious. It was the merest propaganda stunt, devised for the fooling of anybody in Allied or neutral countries who could be persuaded into believing that Hitler is not so very unreasonable after all. It was just ammunition for that "peace offensive."

The reality is very different.

Certainly the Westernmost districts of Poland have been formally annexed to the Reich; while the rest is a "Government-General."

But in practice it comes to the same thing. In both areas the whole administration — municipal as well as national—is in the hands of German officials.

In both the final power is in the hands of the Gestapo, which overrides both military and civil authorities at will—much to the annoyance of the military.

It is the Gestapo which is carrying out with its usual cold brutality the policy of the Fuehrer. And the policy of the Fuehrer is quite simple.

Poland as a nation is to be destroyed. The Polish workers and peasants are to become helots serving the German master-race. They are to hew wood and draw water.

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But all authority, all administration, all culture, are to be in the hands of the German taskmasters. Nazism has leapt back to the crudest barbarisms of the ancient world.

The method is as old as the objective. Was it not "Lars Porsena of Clusium" who gave the tip to "false Sextus" by lopping off the heads of all the tallest poppies in his garden?

If it wasn't Lars and Sextus it was two other men in early Roman times. The idea is the thing; and it is the idea the Gremans are putting into effect in Poland today.

Every leader, or potential leader, of any kind is being liquidated. Landowners, employers, trade union leaders, "intellectuals," prominent peasants, officials—everybody who might conceivably lead his fellows, either locally or nationally—is being "liquidated."

Some are shot. The total of executions is unknown. Fifteen thousand in the "annexed" areas is a fairly certain minimum.

Some are put into concentration camps. Some are deported to districts where they have no influence and are allowed to scratch a bare living there under the watchful eyes of the Gestapo—with the threat of the camp or the wall ever before them.

The destiny of the Pole is to be a slave—to work for starvation wages, to obey, to be silent. Either that: or the rubber truncheon, the torture chamber, the firing squad. If he lifts his head it will be hit.

That is the plan. It is being carried out with all the ruthless brutality of the Nazis.

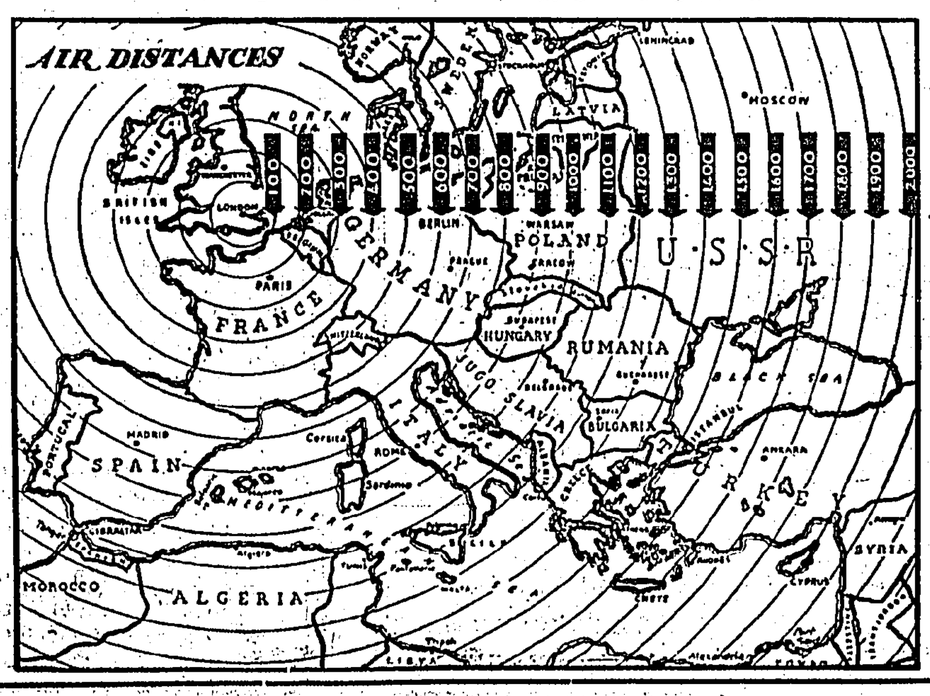
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But for all that it is not succeeding. The Poles are fighting back defiantly.

In the forests there are still guerilla fighters giving the German troops much trouble. In the towns there is sabotage and gallant challenging of the tyrants. There are underground activities of which it would be criminal to say a word.

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INSTALMENT 17

The storm breaks over Europe as Hitler decides that it shall be war.

As German troops and warplanes are flung into Poland, Sir Nevile Henderson, Britain's Ambassador in Berlin, warns Hitler that unless the troops are withdrawn Britain will go to the aid of Poland.

But no reply is forthcoming.

And so, once again, Britain was at war with Germany . .



Henderson left Berlin with staff and pet dachshund Hippy on the morning of September 4 on a special train. The train was delayed for some 18 hours.

ZERO HOUR IN BERLIN

DURING August 31 there has been much activity on the part of Field-Marshal Goering.

I think that Goering himself would have preferred a peaceful solution, but in matters such as these it was Hitler's decision which alone counted: and whatever Goering might feel, he was merely the loyal and submissive servant of his master.

Moreover, as I have already described, he had come down definitely on the side of peace a year before, and it may have been difficult for him to adopt this course a second time.

He invited me, however, to come and see him that afternoon, and I did so at 5 p.m. in company of Sir G. Ogilvie-Forbes.

As I had heard that the text of the proposals which Ribbentrop has refused to give me was to be broadcast on the radio that evening, my first remark was to point out to the Field-Marshal that this procedure would probably and finally wreck the last prospect of peace.

I begged him to do his utmost to prevent their publication.

Goering's reply was that he could not intervene, and that the German Government felt obliged to broadcast their proposals to the world in order to prove their "good faith."

Final but forlorn hope

He talked for the best part of two hours of the iniquities of the Poles and of Hitler's and his own desire for friendship with England, and of the benefit to the world in general and the advantage to England in particular of such a friendship.

It augured the worst from the fact that he was in a position at such a moment to give me so much of his time.

He had a few days before been made president of the new German Defence Council for the Reich (or War Cabinet), and he could scarcely have afforded at such a moment to spare time in conversation, if it did not mean that everything, down to the last detail, was now ready for action.

My general impression of this last talk with Goering was that it constituted a final but forlorn effort on his part to detach Britain from the Poles.

Nevertheless, the Field-Marshal seemed sincere when, having been called to the telephone, he returned to tell us that M. Lipski was on his way to see Ribbentrop.

He seemed relieved and to hope that, provided contact was only established, war might after all prove unnecessary.

The meeting with the Polish Ambassador proved, however, quite futile.

M. Lipski stated that he was acting solely in his capacity as an Ambassador without plenary powers to discuss or to negotiate.

Travesty of the facts

He handed to the Minister for Foreign Affairs a brief communication to the effect that the Polish Government were weighing favourably the proposal of His Majesty's Government for direct discussion, and that a formal answer in this matter would be communicated to the German Government in the immediate future.

He did not ask for the German proposals, and Ribbentrop did not offer to give them to him. Their meeting lasted but a few minutes.

When the Polish Ambassador, after his interview, attempted once more to telephone to his Government, he found that it was no longer possible for him to do so.

Hitler had, in fact, chosen this moment to precipitate the conflict.

He did not want direct negotiations with the Poles. It was zero hour.

In the early hours of September 1, without any declaration of war, the German army crossed the frontier, and the German air force proceeded to bomb the Polish aerodromes and lines of communication.

In accordance with Hitler's usual technique everything was then done by the German authorities to prove to the German public that it was the Poles who had been the aggressors instead of the aggressed.

Goering sent me a message to say that the Poles had begun the war by blowing up the bridge across the Vistula at Dirchau, while Hitler himself issued a proclamation to the German army declaring that the Polish State had refused the settlement which he offered and had appealed to arms.

Every German newspaper repeated the lie that it was the Poles who had begun the fighting.

Finally, at 10.30 a.m., Hitler met the Reichstag, which had been summoned for that hour, and similarly announced to the assembled Delegates that he had been "forced to take up arms in defence of the Reich."

It was a deliberate travesty of the facts, and never can there have been, or ever be, a case of more premeditated and carefully planned aggression.

Late that same evening I was instructed by Lord Halifax to notify the German Government that the latter by their action had created conditions which called for the implementation by the Governments of the United Kingdom and France of their undertaking to come to Poland's assistance.

A day of suspense

Unless His Majesty's Government received satisfactory assurances that the German Government had suspended all aggressive action and would be prepared to withdraw their forces from Polish territory, His Majesty's Government would, without hesitation, fulfil their obligations to Poland.

I was instructed at the same time to request an immediate reply, and was authorised, if asked, to explain that this communication was in the nature of a warning, and was not to be considered as an ultimatum.

I handed this communication in writing to the Minister for Foreign Affairs at 9.30 that evening.

Ribbentrop received it without other comment than that the sole blame rested on the Poles.

He made no inquiry as to the exact nature of the communication, but merely said that he must submit it to the Fuehrer.

I told him that I realised that this would be available at whatever hour he might be in a position to give me the Reichschancellor's reply.

The French Ambassador, who had been instructed to make a similar communication, did so immediately after me and received a reply on the same lines.

Early in the afternoon of that day, I had in accordance with Lord Halifax's instructions, officially requested the United States Charge d'Affaires to be good enough to take charge of British interests in the event of war.

All ciphers and confidential documents were burnt, and the whole of the Staff left their normal residences and were concentrated in the Adlon Hotel next door or in the Embassy itself.

September 2 was a day of suspense. The Poles were, it was reported, putting up a brave resistance in the face of surprise and overwhelming numbers.

No reply was received from the German Government throughout the day to the British and French warnings.

Italy's last peace effort

In the meantime the Italian Government was making one last effort to save the situation.

The Italian Ambassador had come to see me at midday on his way to the Ministry for Foreign Affairs.

Signor Attolico told me that he must know one thing immediately. Was the communication which I had made the previous evening to Herr von Ribbentrop an ultimatum or not?

I told His Excellency that I had been authorised to tell the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he had asked me—which he had not done—that it was not an ultimatum but a warning.

I mentioned to Signor Attolico that I understood that the Italian Government were putting forward a suggestion for the cessation of hostilities and the immediate summoning of a conference of the interested Powers.

In this connection I said that I felt bound to express the opinion that such a proposal would never be entertained unless at the same time all the German troops were withdrawn from Polish territory. I urged him to press for this.

Only two solutions

The Ambassador retorted that I could not speak for my Government. I admitted that fact, but said that I could not imagine the possibility of ourselves, and much less of the Poles, agreeing to any lesser course.

There had never been, in fact, for Hitler but the two solutions: the use of force, or the achievement of his aims by the display of force.

Late in the afternoon of September 2 I communicated to the Secretary of State for the information of the German Government the verbatim report of the Prime Minister's speech in the House of Commons on that date.

Therein Mr. Chamberlain stated that while His Majesty's Government could not agree to the proposal of the Italian Government for a conference while Poland was being subjected to invasion, they would be willing, if the German forces were withdrawn from Polish territory, to regard the position as being the same as before the forces had crossed the frontier.

It was the last chance of avoiding the great catastrophe of war at the last minute, but the German Government remained silent.

I present our ultimatum

At 4 a.m. on September 3, I was accordingly instructed by His Majesty's Government to arrange for a meeting with the Minister for Foreign Affairs at 9 a.m.

There was some difficulty in establishing contact with the Ministry at that hour, but I was finally informed that Dr. Schmidt was authorised by the Minister to accept on His Excellency's behalf any communication which I might make to him.

I accordingly handed to Dr. Schmidt at 9 a.m. precisely the final ultimatum from His Majesty's Government, pointing out that over twenty-four hours had elapsed since I had requested an immediate answer to our warning communication of September 1.

As no reply from the German Government was vouchsafed by 11 a.m., the German representative in London was informed in due course at that hour that a state of war existed between Britain and Germany.

By ten minutes past 11 a.m. every British consular officer in Germany had been advised by the staff of His Majesty's Embassy at Berlin that this was the case.

History will judge

Shortly after 11 a.m. I received a final message from Ribbentrop asking me to call upon him at once. I did so at 11.30, and he lost no time in giving me on this occasion a lengthy document to read, beginning with a refusal on the part of the German people to accept any demands in the nature of an ultimatum made by the British Government, and stating that any aggressive action by England would be answered with the same weapons and the same form.

The rest of the document was pure propaganda, destined presumably for home and neutral consumption, with a view to attempting to prove to the German people and the world generally that it was Britain alone which was to blame for everything which had happened.

My only comment on reading this completely false representation of events was: "It would be left to history to judge where the blame really lay."

Ribbentrop's answer was to the effect that history had already proved the facts, and that nobody had striven harder for peace and good relations with England than Herr Hitler had done.

His last remark to me was that he wished me personally good, to which I could only reply that I deeply regretted the failure of all my efforts for peace, but that I bore no grudge against the German people.

Thereafter I saw no further German official except the member of the Protocol, who accompanied our special train as far as Rotterdam.

My last official communication to the German Government was a note which I presented on the instructions of His Majesty's Government inquiring whether the German Government would observe the provisions of the Geneva Protocol of 1925 prohibiting the use in war of asphyxiating, poisonous or other gases and of bacteriological methods of warfare.

The German Government later replied to this through the Swiss Minister in London giving the required assurance on the understanding that His Majesty's Government would similarly observe the provisions of the Protocol.

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TO-MORROW

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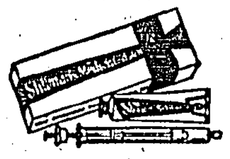
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LONDON, MAY 9 (REUTER).—"REUTER'S" PARLIAMENTARY CORRESPONDENT LEARNS THAT TO-DAY'S DEVELOPMENTS, ACCELERATED BY YESTERDAY'S SPEECHES IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS, ARE CONSIDERED TO MAKE THE DEPARTURE OF MR. NEVILLE CHAMBERLAIN ALMOST CERTAIN.

The most likely names from whom the new Premier will be selected are considered late to-night to be Lord Halifax (now Foreign Secretary,) Mr. Winston Churchill (First Lord of the Admiralty and Chairman of the Committee in charge of military operations) and Mr. Lloyd George (Premier in the last World War.)

CHURCHILL FAVOURED

For various reasons, including possible complications arising from the fact that Lord Halifax is a member of the House of Lords, the most likely selection is felt to be Mr. Churchill.

Although decision about Labour participation is a matter for Party conference, it is believed that Labour would serve under Mr. Churchill.

LABOUR'S REBUFF

Mr. C. R. Attlee, the Leader of the Labour Opposition, and Mr. Arthur Greenwood, the Deputy Leader, visited the Prime Minister at 10 Downing Street this evening.

It is understood that at the meeting Mr. Chamberlain asked them whether they were prepared to serve in a reconstructed Government under his leadership.

If not, it is learned, they were asked whether they were prepared to serve under the leadership of another member of the Conservative Party.

"REUTER" LEARNS THAT THE REPLY OF THE LABOUR LEADERS WAS THAT SERVICE UNDER THE PRIME MINISTER WAS IMPOSSIBLE.

THAT IS ALSO THE VIEW HELD BY THE OPPOSITION LIBERAL PARTY.

Whether or not the Labour Party will be prepared to join an All-Party government under other leadership will be finally decided by the Party executive at Bournemouth to-morrow.

WILLING TO RESIGN

The form of the questions put to the Labour leaders is taken as a clear indication that the Prime Minister is now willing to resign if such an action would lead to the formation of a new National Government satisfactory to all parties.

The Rt. Hon. Mr. C. R. Attlee and Mr. Arthur Greenwood (Labour) were 45 minutes with the Prime Minister.

Lord Halifax and Mr. Winston Churchill were present at the interview.

The Prime Minister is not seeing the King to-day.

Nothing further expected to-night.

Press Reaction To Debate

The British press is unanimous that the following two main points have come out of the Debate in the House of Commons:

1.—That the Government must be strengthened.

2.—That the country's war effort must be increased.

The press emphasises that all parties agree that this is the main problem and are discussing how it would be best to put it into effect.

There is less agreement on the best way of strengthening the Government.

The Labour "Daily Herald" says that Mr. Chamberlain must go.

Morally and physically says the paper, he is defeated beyond hope of recovery.

The "News Chronicle" says that it is significant that Mr. Chamberlain's Government no longer has the confidence of either Parliament or the country.

The "Times" Appeal

Most of the other papers are less drastic although they are unanimous in their demands for an overhaul of the government.

"The Times" appeals to the Labour Party to rise above Party matters to take a share in running the country.

The paper regrets the press for division and says that this is not the way to adjust the Government quickly.

The "Daily Telegraph" sees in Chamberlain's speech a possibility that he too is thinking on the lines that personal or other considerations should not be allowed to prevent the formation of the best government for conducting the war.

It will only remain for him to move promptly from thought to deed.

With regard to Norway, the government emerged very creditably with a straightforward and complete answer to the major criticisms.

If the members had not been prevented from giving the full facts it is possible that their case might have been even stronger.

A Bad Story

The "Manchester Guardian" says that although the result of the debate has gone abroad as an apparent victory for the Government everyone here knows that it is nothing of the kind.

It is a bad story—lack of provisions, lack of preparations, indecision, slowness and fear of taking risks.

Britain has had this before. She has never fought a major war without this.

But it cannot be permitted in a war with an enemy like Hitler.

The "Yorkshire Post" says that a far bigger question is involved than whether this man or that man should be Prime Minister.

There must be a transformation of ideas. We must fight not with easy-going confidence but with a desperate devotion. Far from groaning under our burdens we are asking for heavier ones.

Premier Sees King

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, May 9 (Domei).—Mr. Neville Chamberlain had audience to-night with His Majesty the King.

Subsequently, Mr. Chamberlain summoned Lord Halifax and other Cabinet advisers to No. 10 Downing Street for an important discussion.

Rebellion Against Chamberlain

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, May 9 (UP).—About 34 rebel conservative members met in the House of Commons this afternoon, presided over by Mr. Clement Davis.

They all voted against the Government in last night's vote of confidence and this afternoon they decided unanimously that the next Government must be a real National Government.

LONDON, May 9 (British Wireless).—A further contribution of £10,000 to the Lord Mayor's Red Cross St. John Fund from the Sports Committee raises the total from that source to £37,000.

ROOSEVELT TO SPEAK

Likely To Deal With European War

WASHINGTON, May 9 (Reuter).—The subject of President Roosevelt's address to the American Scientific Congress tomorrow night is being kept a close secret at the White House.

It is not questioned that President Roosevelt will deal largely with foreign affairs and it is difficult to see how he can keep off the subject of the European war.

President Roosevelt himself obviously regards the speech has important because he began its composition as early as Tuesday when he cancelled his Press conference on that score.

Moving On Two Fronts

The Washington "Times-Herald" comments that the President is cloaking his diplomatic manoeuvring in the closest secrecy, but veteran observers are convinced that he is charting a sensational course.

The President appears to be moving on two fronts—in the Pacific through the fleet and in Europe through Rome and probably the Vatican.

No Peace Plan Mooted

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

ROME, May 9 (UP).—A report published in the United States that Mussolini has rejected President Roosevelt's offer to attempt some sort of peace effort has been categorically denied by authoritative Italian quarters.

They state that the report is absolutely without foundation because no peace plan has been discussed between Mussolini and the United States Ambassador, Mr. William Phillippis.

They add that the conversations between Il Duce and the Ambassador have been most friendly and helpful.

Japan Loses Vital Trade

Philippines Market Slumps Heavily

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, May 9 (UP).—A Department of Commerce survey, based on reports from the Commissioner in Manila, to-day cited Japan's decline last year as a source of supply to the Philippines.

The survey said that United States position was unchanged with 76 and 68 per cent. of the Islands' exports and imports respectively.

Japanese imports declined to 66 per cent. which is the lowest level since 1933, and the Japanese share of the Islands' total import trade was 6.2 per cent. which was the smallest since 1912.

Japan Offers Armaments To Rumania

BUCHAREST, May 9 (Reuter).—It is understood that the Japanese Government has offered to deliver to the Rumanian Government certain armaments, especially anti-tank and anti-aircraft guns.

It appears that these weapons have proved their worth during the Sino-Japanese war.

It is believed that the offer will be accepted, but the contract is awaiting clarification by the Japanese Government with regard to the method of payment.

Britain Buying U.S. Maize

WASHINGTON, May 9 (Reuter).—The Agricultural Department announces the sale of $20,000,000 bushels of maize to Britain under the new export subsidy programme.

The maize will be taken from Government-owned stocks, which total 80,000,000 bushels.

BAIT FOR SWEDEN & FINLAND

Soviet Plan For Joint Control Of Aalands

NEW YORK, May 9 (Reuter).—The U.S.S.R. is reported to have proposed to Sweden and Finland pacts similar to those negotiated last year with Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania, according to a "usually reliable source," says the "Christian Science Monitor's" Stockholm correspondent.

The correspondent adds that the proposal is believed to be receiving serious consideration in Stockholm and Helsingfors.

Offer To Finland

It is reported that the Soviet proposals include a plan for joint fortification and defence of the Aaland Islands.

It is further reported that if the proposals are accepted, the U.S.S.R. is willing to restore the Karelian provinces.

The correspondent expresses the opinion that Sweden, faced with the choice between German domination and gravitation towards the U.S.S.R. might choose the latter as the lesser evil.

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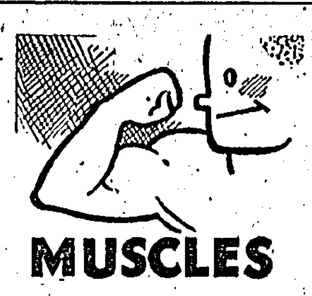
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Near East Enigma

AS the year advances into summer, speculation on possible developments of the war is intensified. It is not thought likely that the present state of inactivity will continue for long.

There will doubtless be renewed reports of German intentions to break through Holland or Belgium, or both. For the moment, however, attention is rather directed to the Near East.

The Allies have a large army in that quarter. Italy is also very much on the alert. She has made it known that she could not be indifferent to anything affecting the Near East and the Balkans.

But, strangely enough, Hitler's two friends, Stalin and Mussolini, are far from being friends with each other. The Duce has lost none of his detestation of Bolshevist influences in Europe. He maintains a consistency in that matter which Hitler has completely abandoned.

The Turkish Prime Minister, in some discreet but significant references to the situation, said the crisis had now come to his country's door. Officially, relations with Russia are unchanged. Actually, Turkey can have no illusions about Moscow's lack of goodwill towards her. She refused to be Russia's tool, and is therefore in Stalin's black books.

Turkey, however, is prepared for whatever may befall. She has a clear sense of where her duty lies. If war should be forced upon her she will make common cause with the Allies. The Near East situation is uncertain, but France, Britain, and Turkey have made the fullest preparations to check-mate German, Russian or even Italian aggression in this vital region.

WHAT ARE WE FIGHTING FOR?

by A. A. Milne

You know Milne as a brilliant writer of essays, plays, light verse.

Here he writes in a different mood. His subject is the one that matters more to you all than any other.

And the "Telegraph" believes that what he has to say will interest you.

I HAD a letter the other day which said: "We don't seem to be fighting for anything; only against it."

The next morning I read an article which said that we were not fighting for democracy or for liberty or for any nonsense of that sort. "We are fighting for England."

England, however, was not being attacked. Why, then, were we fighting? Because, in a year or so, when Germany had made all the conquests which she wanted in the East, then she would have attacked France.

And when, in this next war, she had defeated France, then in another year or so she would attack England.

So we were fighting a war to prevent a war which would lead to war against England.

It sounds like something from Gertrude Stein.

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NOW it seems to me that no man of intelligence can take part in a war at this point in history without the fixed determination in his mind that, as far as he can ensure it by his own actions, it shall be the last European war.

I know that many of us said in 1914 that we were fighting a war to end war. Very well; we lost that war.

Now we are fighting again. We may lose again; but we cannot enter upon a war with the fear that we are going to lose.

We must believe in ourselves. It is no good fighting any sort of battle unless one is determined to win and believes that one is going to win.

Our war-aim therefore (yours and mine, since we are intelligent men) is to end war. Where we may differ from other people (including, unfortunately, members of the Government) is that our aim is, possibly, only their hope.

In a democratic country the people, the main body of troops, mark the stage of civilisation which that country has reached: a stage of civilisation which is now beyond war.

But in a Totalitarian State the gangster may easily be the autocrat.

This is one reason why the people (democracy) offer a safeguard for peace which cannot be offered by the individual (autocracy).

The other reason is this: a Totalitarian State by definition exists for the benefit of the State, not for the benefit of its members.

But if the State claims to have a life of its own to which the life of every individual is subordinate, then its life can only be a life in competition with other States; its only victories over its competitors.

One can see that this must be so if one imagines a group of islanders in the Pacific, cut off from the rest of mankind, forming themselves into a Totalitarian State: in which each individual is told:

"Nothing which happens to you matters; the only thing which matters is the welfare of the island."

We see at once that the only "welfare of the island" conceivable is the welfare of each individual islander.

And we see that a totalitarian island can only justify its existence by competing with, and obtaining victories over, neighbouring islands.

Inevitably a successful war is the complete victory, the ultimate form of the island-State's self-expression.

One may note, too, in passing that the only time when the individual in a democratic country is asked to subordinate himself to the State is when his country is at war.

It is clear, therefore, that whether Hitlerism, Mussolinism, Stalinism and any similar form of government are to be regarded as the expression of a genuine political doctrine or merely as an excuse for autocracy, they are, they must be, a danger to the peace of the world.

If this war ensures the triumph of democracy, and only if so, then it ends war.

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What is our Peace Aim? The immediate object of the war is to destroy Hitlerism. The immediate object of the last war was to destroy Prussian militarism.

We should know by now that destruction is not an end in itself, but only a means to an end.

We destroyed the Kaiser, and Hitler followed; we destroy Hitler—and then what?

Unless we decide rightly we shall have lost another war. If destroying Hitlerism is our war-aim, what is our peace-aim?

There are many who think that it should be a revived League of Nations; a League which shall do all the things which the last League failed to do; a League which shall really unite against an aggressor; a League, some say, with an international standing army to enforce its authority.

It is difficult to imagine such an army mobilising against (say) Russia; perhaps still more difficult to imagine it mobilising against (say) Germany.

It is easier to imagine an International Air Force.

But an air force is at its most effective when used as a threat. The threat, if defined, can only be carried out by dropping bombs upon "military objects," which would inevitably include women and children.

Law does not easily compete with lawlessness in threats, and actions, of frightfulness.

But though it is difficult to imagine such a League in action, and difficult to understand why its pledges should be more sacred to its members now than before, it is stupid to say that therefore such a League could not be brought into being, could not be made workable.

What I think we can say is that no State which submitted to the authority of such a League could possibly be a Totalitarian State, ruled by an autocrat.

One cannot glorify the State and oneself through the State unless the State is independent.

Even an "axis" detracts a little from one's glory—unless one is convinced that one is the dominating partner in the axis.

So that, if such a League were effective in maintaining peace, the effective part of it would be composed of democratic countries, willing to submit to the decision of the majority, willing to subordinate their own interests to the general good.

I think that we should make it clear, as soon as possible, that in our view democracy is the only safeguard of peace, and that we are prepared "after the war" to co-operate in the fullest and most generous way with all other democracies.

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Our first peace-aim should be a League of Democracies, which shall utterly renounce all war as between themselves, and which shall, as soon as practicable, remove all inter-tariff barriers.

The idea behind the League should not be mutual assistance in war-time, but mutual assistance in peace-time; and democracies only should be eligible for inclusion.

It is time that we cleared our minds of a good deal of cant about autocracies.

We plead in their excuse "the right of countries to choose their own form of government." No country ever "chose" autocracy.

Russia didn't; Italy didn't; Germany didn't; Spain didn't.

Autocracy to-day begins as a revolt against some other form of government; a revolt which may or may not be supported by the majority of the people, but is supported by a fighting majority; that is, by those with the greater military resources.

The leader's first autocratic and entirely unjustifiable action on acquiring power is to deny not only those who opposed the revolt, but those who supported it, any further part in the new government of their country.

After which it is assumed that the people chose autocracy; and that, being foreigners, they must be expected to have their funny little ways, on which it would be bad form for an English gentleman to comment.

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This is nonsense. We can comment on cannibalism, we can comment (and have commented before

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Foolish stories

DON'T throw aspersions on the bravery of the enemy. That kind of talk is foolish. There is too much of it about.

We never called Fritz a Coward

We of the 1914-18 war called the Germans all sorts of things. But never did we call them cowards.

We knew them too well for that.

People at home (who had the time to learn to hate) called them Huns, and Boches, and things like that.

We out in the mud against them called them Jerry, or Fritz.

We never liked the Germans. We never hated the Germans—except when we heard of a bombing raid on England and we said: "Why can't they fight US, instead of the people at home? . . . We'll show them. . . !" And the hate lasted until we could, and did, show them. Usually two to three days. Then we just went on with our job of war, and our normal way of regarding the war—and JERRY.

And that was . . .?

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We distrusted every thing about him, except his courage. We knew we could distrust him in everything but stay-and-take-it power. We belittled him in every way but one: we said he kept his trenches dirty (foul slur on any soldier).

The first bit of hand-to-hand fighting, when our barrack-square instructor's spirit still hoarse-whispered to us: "Show a German a bit of cold steel and he'll wilt before you like a nasturtium in a frost," showed us how mistaken it was to look on Jerry as having no guts (which is the soldier word for courage).

Jerry stood up to it.

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And I saw then an example of courage (German brand) which I have thought of, and pondered over, ever since. Let me present it to you:—

The time: Dawn.

The place: A mine-crater in No-Man's-Land.

We have been over the top; taken a bunch of prisoners—officers and (about) nineteen men. We have mustered them in this crater until we can get them down the line.

One Jerry starts whining, rubbing his hand up and down his chest. At last the officer takes notice, goes to him, and says something (in German) which sounds like, "What are you making all this fuss about?"

The private says something (in German) which sounds like: "I've got it here, sir."

Whereupon the officer grabs hold of the private's tunic at the bottom, rips it upwards, tears off three buttons in the process, and exposes a chest smashed by shrapnel.

Then this happens:

British N.C.O. (who has observed the scene): "Why did you do that? Can't you see the man's hurt?"

German officer: "Do not dare to speak to me so. Do you not see I am a German officer and he is one of my men?"

British N.C.O.: "And you see this, I am a British N.C.O. And if I see you do anything like that again I'll bring down the butt of my rifle on your head, officer or no officer."

That British N.C.O. was me.

And still, as I think of war, I think that German officer had terrific courage — as Germans know and understand courage—to try to keep the iron face that is the German idea of courage.

Thirty men (English) were left to hold a trench. Twenty-eight were killed. The two others held on.

They talked of England, and primroses, and held on. And still "live to tell the story."

I thank England for our English courage.

Don't belittle the Germans' courage. But trust ours to win.

W. T. Knott



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AT LAST, THE FULL STORY OF THE EPIC NORWAY RETREAT

LONDON, May 9 (British Wireless).—A graphic descriptin of a succession of three actions in the Norwegian campaign enabling three British battalions fighting by day to withdraw during the short hours of darkness 103 miles over a single track railway down Gudbransdal and Romsdalen to the sea was given to-day in London by an officer of Major-General B. C. T. Paget's staff.

Holding a position at Kvam for 48 hours in the face of incessant air attacks to which they were unable to reply except by machine-gun, a battalion of the King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry successfully held up the German advance until ordered to withdraw.

A German column led by tanks and armoured cars made contact with British troops early on the morning of April 26, firing somewhat indiscriminately into houses on the roadside as they advanced.

Throughout the day, Nazi ski troops vainly endeavoured to work round the snow-covered hills to pierce the flanks of the British battalion.

Clever Rearguard Action

When darkness fell, the K.O.Y.L.I. withdrew with precision down the railway line to the little village of Otta, where a battalion of the Green Howards—together with one of the Yorkshire and Lancashire Regiment—had prepared a defensive position.

Here on April 28, severe fighting took place. Troops often engaged hand to hand.

Such was the effect of the British resistance, the Staff Officer said, that it was noticed that the Nazi troops after that day seemed unwilling to press home the attacks, and when the action was broken off that night, the British troops withdrew unmolested to trains concealed in a tunnel about three miles behind the front line.

Great tribute was paid by the Staff Officer to the efficiency and devotion to duty of Norwegian railway and telephone service operators who at great risk gave magnificent help to the British troops.

As the troops withdrew, demolition of the bridges proceeded according to plan, and in no case did a planned demolition fail "to be blown."

Halt at Dombass

The next halt was made at Dombaas, where because of the successful destruction of bridges, the troops obtained one day's much-needed rest, and it was not until April 30 that the enemy again made contact, having received machine-gun replacements by air.

During the afternoon, the K.O.Y.L.I. again fought splendidly and at 9 p.m. entrained at Dombaas station.

It was anticipated that this battalion would go directly to Andalsnes and there embark, but the train was derailed and the troops had to march 17 miles.

It says much for their morale, the Staff Officer said, that in spite of having fought hard for six hours on April 30, suffering a train wreck and then marching 17 miles they readily deployed again at 5.30 p.m. on May 1 and easily held the enemy until dark when they again entrained. Reaching Andalsnes, they embarked, being the last troops to leave Norway.

Tribute to Germans

The Staff Officer described the German troops as efficient and very well-trained.

The Staff Officer paid high praise to these British Territorials who held the enemy in spite of both air and artillery attack without means of replying.

The position of rations, the Staff Officer said, was satisfactory. Only the most advanced troops who must always rely upon such provisions as they have with them did not receive regular and adequate supplies.

He described the German claims relating to the capture of materials as "fantastic," adding that he did not think that there were such quantities taken into Norway.

British troops took out all they could carry and destroyed as much of what was left as they were able.

Spectacular Results

French Production Minister Lauded

LONDON, May 9 (British Wireless).—A tribute to the French Production Minister, M. Rnout Dautry, was paid in a speech at Cardiff by the British Supply Minister, Mr. Leslie Burgin.

Mr. Burgin said: "M. Dautry has achieved in France spectacular results in the enormous growth and expansion of his armaments production programme. He thinks in multiples, he works at a terrific pace and he has a great faculty of making friends. He is idolised by the workpeople and what is so important for a politician and a Production Minister, he is left alone by his colleagues.

"But he too has difficulties with machine tools, with raw materials and with skilled labour. Fortunately such is the collaboration between the two countries—officers of his Ministry are in my office in London and officers of my Ministry are in his office in Paris—that we frequently can come to one another's aid."

Can't Blame Britain

Swedish Paper And Norway Withdrawal

STOCKHOLM, May 9 (Reuter).—The "Social Demokraten," an organ of the Social Democratic Labour Party of Sweden, says that Sweden has no right to reproach Britain.

She was never asked to protect Norway and never undertook to do this until the Germans moved.

The Swedes, continues the paper, who have done nothing for their Norwegian brothers have no moral right to criticise Britain for the failure of her help.

Tribute To Democracy

The paper pays tribute to the British democracy which has allowed such a debate to be held in open session with the whole world listening.

There are weaknesses in such democracy, but democracy will be restored by its own strength.

One certain thing, says the paper, is that Britain will take the war far more earnestly now than before.

268 U-BOAT PRISONERS

LONDON, May 9 (British Wireless).—A further list of 41 U-boat prisoners of war now held in Britain is issued by the War Office.

There are now a total of 268 U-boat prisoners in Britain, comprising 30 officers and 238 other ranks.

Besides these, there are 20 German air force officers and 44 other ranks, who are prisoners of war in Britain.

Full Story Of Epic Air Combat

MAGNIFICENT R.A.F. WORK AGAINST ODDS

LONDON, May 9 (Reuter).—Further details of a one-sided air combat in Norway between a squadron of Gloster Gladiator planes from an aircraft carrier and a huge number of German have now been revealed.

Part of the story was told by Sir Samuel Hoare, the Air Minister, in the House of Commons on Wednesday.

Just before night, the squadron landed on a frozen lake south-east of Andalsnes. That night they saw two planes with Norwegian markings, but they must have been flown by Germans, for at 3 a.m. German bombers arrived.

A Heinkel was shot down.

Raided For 24 Hours

The base was kept busy with air raids from 7.30 a.m. to 8 p.m. All this time the British pilots were in the open.

Except for the runways, there was melting snow everywhere several feet deep. The pilots had to crawl about on their hands and knees, their clothes were wet and they were freezing.

Despite all these frequent raids they carried out 40 sorties and 37 of the enemy were engaged. Of the 18 Gladiators landed, only five were serviceable by night.

R.A.F. Take Toll

They had taken toll of the enemy, however, shooting down six for certain and probably eight more on the surrounding mountains.

The next day they carried out further reconnaissance attacks on the enemy. By evening only one plane remained useful.

When southern Norway was evacuated, there was no time to repair the planes. The ship on which the pilots embarked was bombed for six hours without interruption without success.

R.A.F. Lose 55 Planes

LONDON, May 9 (British Wireless).—Interesting figures relating to aerial activity in Norway are circulating in authoritative quarters where it is stated that R.A.F. losses comprised 55 aircraft out of over 1,000 employed in the operations which included 64 attacks on enemy bases—54 in Norway, nine in Denmark and one on Sylt.

German losses were considerably higher, the destruction of 103 aircraft being confirmed while it is probable that 40 more will never fly again.

NAZIS RETREAT FROM NARVIK

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a paying proposition for reinforcements to be flown to Narvik and the Germans there can look for no further aid.

The Germans have about 100 planes operating in the Narvik area. They are based behind the Bosfjord and Rombak heights.

Intense Air Activity

With perpetual daylight in this Arctic region, the activity of the German machines is intense.

All roads have been bombed and machine-gunned, and the Allied troops can only move in small units, all of which are clad in white camouflage uniforms.

But the Allies are reported to have completed new airfields in this region, and speedy Spitfires have already begun a successful drive against the more cumbersome German machines.

Rings of anti-aircraft guns now protect all points of debarkation, to which a constant stream of Allied reinforcements and supplies is now flowing.

Nazis May Quit Narvik

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

GOTHENBURG, May 9 (UP).—The newspaper "Svenska Dagbladet" states that German parachute troops have landed at Bardu, 30 miles north of Narvik, where they were reinforced by German planes taking supplies to Narvik.

The paper also reports that Norwegian police and French Alpine troops have contacted the Germans in minor engagements, and that a major clash is now imminent.

British naval units and bombing planes are still attacking the German positions near Narvik but the general situation remains unchanged.

The "Ririksgraensen" reports that Norwegian troops on Wednesday surprised Germans who were mining railway tunnels south of Bjoernfjuell, on the Swedish border.

Nazis To Clear Out?

AMSTERDAM, May 9 (Reuter).—The German High Command contemplates abandoning Narvik to the Allies, according to the "Algemeen Handelsblads" Berlin correspondent.

This correspondent declares that very well-informed circles in Berlin no longer regard Narvik as a centre of strategic importance.

The High Command is believed to hold the view that Narvik will only remain of value as long as the Allies continue to station ships there which can be attacked by the German air force.

Withdrawal Being Considered

AMSTERDAM, May 9 (Reuter).—The possibility of Hitler considering withdrawal from Norway to a large extent is being discussed here as the result of reports from Berlin.

From the German point of view, it is pointed out, such a move would have advantages as a propaganda move and as a means of saving men and material for other purposes.

It seems hardly possible that the Germans would surrender their air bases in Norway, but it is suggested that they might seek to make some gesture of withdrawal from other points.

There are two indications that some such approach to the Norwegian people may be planned. One is the report that the Germans contemplate abandoning Narvik. The other is an order issued to-day to the German troops in Norway praising Norwegian soldiers, which commentators here compare to the German attempt at the beginning of the war to differentiate between British and French soldiers.

Norwegians Still Fighting

PARIS, May 9 (Reuter).—Professor Koht, the Norwegian Foreign Minister, informed the Press in Paris this afternoon that the Norwegian High Command would in future be represented on the Allied Supreme War Council.

Professor Koht stated that of the Norwegian army which originally consisted of six divisions, one division and part of another were intact in north Norway or making their way northwards.

Many of the remainder had been killed, taken prisoner or interned in Sweden.

Denying rumours that King Haakon had gone to Sweden, he said the King was on Norwegian soil, where he would remain and fight.

Military Mission To Moscow

BUCHAREST, May 9 (Reuter).—An important Yugo-Slavian military mission will shortly leave Belgrade for Moscow, according to messages from Belgrade published in the Rumanian press.

It is stated that General Maximovicl, one of the most prominent of the Yugo-Slavian military leaders, will head the mission.

Neither the Yugo-Slavian nor Soviet Legations in Bucharest have yet had any intimation of the passage of the mission through Rumania.

LL. GEORGE TOLD OFF

Lively Verbal Duel In The Commons

LONDON, May 9 (Reuter).—The House of Commons has adjourned until May 21.

In the course of a number of subjects discussed before the adjournment, Mr. Beverley Baxter, the Conservative M.P., appealed to Mr. Lloyd George to be more helpful to the Administration and not so brilliantly mischievous. He blamed Mr. Lloyd George for the part he played in the complicated situation of the last few years.

Referring to Mr. Lloyd George's press writings, he said he gave the madman Hitler encouragement at every critical moment.

Please Reform, Appeal

Mr. Baxter was of the opinion that Mr. Lloyd George was too big a man to use the foreign press to disparage the Government and asked Mr. Lloyd George whether, even at his age, he would consider reforming.

Mr. Lloyd George, replying, defended his resort to journalism as an occupation.

Replying to other criticisms of Mr. Baxter, Mr. Lloyd George said it was because we did not carry out our undertakings to democratic governments in Germany that Hitler came to power.

DISASTROUS FLIGHTS

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effort to escape, but was brought down within a few minutes.

One of the pilots jumped with his parachute as his machine was falling in flames and landed in the sea.

The British pilots signalled for a boat to put out to rescue the German, who had disengaged himself from the parachute.

Before the lifeboat could arrive, however, the German sank from view.

The early part of the encounter was witnessed by a large lunch-time crowd along the coast.

The second German machine, a Junkers-88, was brought down in the sea off the east coast of England.

Witnessed Dog-Fight

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, May 9 (UP).—People in the streets of a port in North Scotland to-day witnessed a dogfight between a British fighter and a German plane.

They saw the British plane chasing the German and heard bursts of machinegun fire from both.

The planes disappeared from view after a few minutes.

Trade Talks Continue

Anglo-Italo-Soviet Relations

LONDON, May 9 (British Wireless).—Questions were asked in the House of Commons this afternoon concerning trade relations between Britain and Russia and between Britain and Italy.

The Foreign Under-Secretary said His Majesty's Government had under consideration a communication received on April 29 from the Soviet Government.

His Majesty's Government had now asked the Soviet Government to furnish them with further information so that they could judge whether the obligations undertaken by the Soviet Government would render it possible for that Government, at present, to conclude a trade agreement with the United Kingdom on the lines which H.M. Government had in mind.

Mr. R. A. Butler in another reply said discussions between representatives of the British and Italian Governments were continuing and that H.M. Government hoped they might lead to useful results.

BLACKOUTS IN PEIPING

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

PEIPING, May 9 (UP).—The Japanese military authorities have instituted blackouts in Peiping.

Air raid exercises, in which the populace must co-operate, are now in full swing.

LETTERS

Answers To Correspondents

REGULAR READER: April 20 1689, fell on a Saturday. September 30, 1689 fell on a Monday. Whit Monday, 1930, fell on June 9.—Ed.

THREAT TO FANCHENG

Japanese Making Swift Advance

CHUNGKING, May 10 (Reuter).—Japanese vanguards are approximately 20 miles from Fancheng, according to latest Chinese field dispatches received here from the northern Hupeh front.

A Japanese column pushing northward from Chungtsiang along the east bank of the Han River is said to have reached Huanglungkung, a village east of Fancheng and south of the main highway between Tsaoyang and Fancheng.

The Japanese are apparently trying to cut the highway east of Fancheng in the vicinity of Shuankoucheng and effecting junction with the Japanese forces pushing westward along the Tsaoyang highway.

General Offensive

Another Japanese column from Suihsien is reported to have reached a point south-west of Tsaoyang while a third column advancing along the highway is at present engaging the Chinese in the vicinity of Tanghsiencheng, east of Tsaoyang.

The Japanese column from the Peiping-Hankow Railway which occupied Miyang has now passed Tangho and is pushing northward along the highway towards Nanyang.

A Japanese column from Sinyang, it is added, is still engaged by the Chinese in the vicinity of Tungpeh and is making little headway in its westward drive.

Anti-Nazi Feelings Harden

Striking Report By Church Committee

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

EDINBURGH, May 10 (UP).—That British feeling—as expressed recently by Mr. Anthony Eden, Mr. Duff Cooper and others—is hardening against the German people is reflected in the Report of the Committee of the Church and Nation. The Report will be tabled at General Assembly of the Church of Scotland on May 21.

The Report states that it is becoming increasingly difficult to draw any real distinction between the rulers of Germany and the German people.

Solidly Behind Hitler

"While there are, without doubt, many in Germany who have no respect for the present regime, it is true to say that, as a whole, the people seem to be solidly behind Hitler in this war."

One of the post-war problems, the report continues, will be how to help to change the spirit of present-day Germany.

"The German people permitted their present rulers to reach power without effective protest or opposition.

"Hitler is not an isolated phenomenon. He is an exaggerated representative of the strain under which Germany labours.

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Hitler Releases War Prisoners

OSLO, May 10 (UP).—All Norwegian prisoners of war have been released on Hitler's orders.



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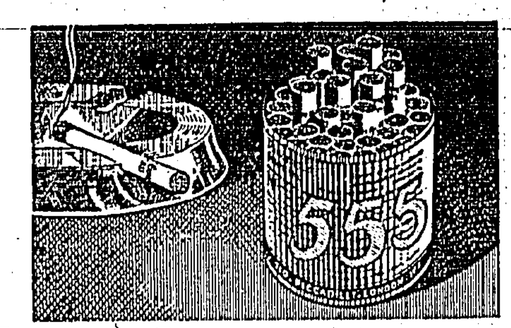
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"Captain Foster's" Racing Review

HEAVY ENTRIES FOR WHITSUN RACES

Whitsun Handicap

SAPPER-FAR VIEW DUEL CONTINUED

Strong Opposition Should Track Be Soft

WE ARE BOUND to have a nice field of good milers in the major event, the Whitsun Handicap, for Australian ponies of this season, and the first prize is worth $750 to the winner.

Far View, the progeny of Farr, heads the handicap list and is followed by Sapper another descendant of the same sire.

It is interesting to relate that Far View has met Mrs. Grasett's candidate three times, but the third contest of the rubber was won by Sapper. I do believe that the slippery grass track at the Easter session was not much appreciated by Far View and should the going be soft to-morrow, I am afraid that Far View with Mr. Pih in the saddle will suffer another defeat. Sapper will be ridden by Mr. Black.

Strong opposition is sure to come from Ascot Day (Mr. Chao), Australian Diamond (Mr. Wei), Contact (Mr. Davis) and Many Thanks (Mr. Proulx).

Ascot Day gave a most convincing exhibition in the Hobart Handicap when the mare clocked the mile in 1.45¾ finishing on the bit against the present record of 1.44⅘. Australian Diamond is a good sprinter, and with an allowance of 10 lbs. under the scale the mare has a pull of 20 lbs. against Far View, which is not a small matter.

Mr. W. H. S. Davis, who has half share interest in the stable (Ellandee), does not believe in too much racing and in the circumstance Contact has only weighed out twice at the Annual Carnival. The mare by Double Court annexed the Perth Plate (first section) over a mile in great style, and he has to be considered for to-morrow's main event.

HANDICAP AGAINST?

MANY Thanks by Chocolate was not well trimmed for the annual meeting, but his last two successful outings were like a champion pony. Carrying the highest impost Mr. Reidy's candidate had no trouble to win the Broken Hill Handicap over six furlongs in 1.17⅘, the time being one two-fifths seconds slower than the existing record. On the strength of the performance the handicapper has allotted Many Thanks the weight for inches as per scale, and the gamble is whether Far View and Sapper can concede him a few pounds of the lead?

I cannot as yet make up my mind which is the best cob to have your money, but my final selections will appear to-morrow. A good race is assured.

Green Island Handicap Divided Into Three Sections: Special $5 Sweep on Third Division

VERY HEAVY NOMINATIONS have been received for the two days of the Whitsun Meeting to be held on May 11 and 13, the largest being 49 entries for the Green Island Handicap confined to "C" class China ponies. It was originally framed by the racing Stewards to divide the entries into two sections at the discretion of the handicapper, but in view of the number it has been decided to have three divisions.

However, it is one of the finest programmes ever presented to the public, for there are in all 20 handicap events of various distances from the 1½ mile post (about half mile 170 yards) to one and a half miles, the majority being long outings.

The Whitsun Handicap for Australian ponies of this season over a mile and the Whitsun Plate for China ponies over the champion course are the two big events, and the first prize of each is worth $750 to the winner.

As I write, heavy clouds are still hanging, but I am looking forward to the Clerk of the Weather to provide a nice and fast track. I hate to recall that the second day of the Whitsun Meeting of last year had to be postponed on account of the heavy downpour.

Saddling bell on the first day will be rung at 1.30 p.m., but on the second day it will be chimed at noon, and two events will be contested before tiffin. After lunch the third race, the Whitsun Plate, will be run at 2.30 p.m., saddling bell being at two o'clock.

The third section of the Green Island Handicap (which is an additional event) will be race No. 11 on the second day, and is to be run at 6.30 p.m. The Jockey Club is conducting a special $5 cash sweep on the said event, but attention of public is drawn to the fact that "all through" chances will not participate, and tickets can be purchased only at the Racecourse during the meeting.

BIG FIELDS EXPECTED

I EXPECT to see big fields because after the Whitsun session all winners during the season will be barred at the last meeting to be held on May 25. All will be out to pick up some silver dollars before the recess, in fact some ponies should have been turned out long ago.

Mr. Eric Moller's string of ponies has already returned to Shanghai for their summer holidays, but they will, of course, be back in time for the Hongkong St. Leger. Mr. C. B. Brown's Burford and a few star ponies (Confusion Bay and Mount Hope Bay) are grazing. Before the month is over the camps at Fanling and Macao will be full.

Shatin H'cap
First Section

SCRAMBLE FOR "D" CLASS CHINA PONIES

THE SHATIN HANDICAP (first section) for "D" class China raters is a scramble from the 1½ mile post (about half mile 170 yards) and anything may happen. It is reliably learned that Mr. Peter Wei has decided to take out This Time instead of Smiling Time, but I think the latter is better suited over this jaunt. I may be wrong, but we shall see how it works out to-morrow.

Personally I am of the opinion that Wilber has a good outside chance, as Mr. Bradbury's candidate has in the past proved to be a reliable speedy merchant over this course.

Portrush has a golden opportunity to atone for his failure in the "Hunchbacks" Handicap at the last meeting, and apart from the allowance given by the weight adjuster, the short run is to his liking. West Lake and Willynilly are dangerous, and either may break the tape first.

Shatin H'cap
Second Section

BIG FIELD MAY DEPEND ON THE START

THERE ARE TWENTY "D" class China ponies assigned to the second section of the Shatin Handicap, which is another fast run from the 1½ mile post, and a lot, of course, depends upon a good start.

Double Chance, Gold Coin, Jack O'Lantern, March Brown, Palmer, Talkative and Valorous have no objection to the gate business and they are first class starters. Double Chance, Gold Coin and Talkative have to cover their faces with blinkers, otherwise they will not run.

All three are looking extremely well and the first named steed should catch the judge's right eye.

If the grass track should be under water, please don't forget the old racer—Valorous.

The Daily Double

Question Of Stamina For First Leg

THE FIRST LEG of the daily double is on the Lead Mine Handicap (second section) for "C" class China ponies over the Derby course and it will be ridden by novices The inclusion of a few China pony griffins of this season will no doubt add a certain amount of interest in the event, but I would like to ask one question: "How many of them can last the distance?"

Soldier of Britain was called to the colours in 1934 and at that time the warrior was certainly good over a distance run, especially his success in the Hongkong St. Leger of that year. Although nicely weighted, I am inclined to believe that the owner of this Tommy Atkins will confine him in barracks so that he may have sufficient stamina and strength to accept the Green Island Handicap over a run less than five furlongs on Whit Monday.

Among the subscription griffins Celtic Star, the winner of 1939 Sports Club Cup, appeals to me as the winner, and Salvage Master (winner of 1938 Sub-griffins St. Leger) and Scenic View should fill the lower positions.

The Second Leg

WE SHOULD HAVE a good field of "C" class Australian ponies in the Bondi Handicap over 1½ miles, but there is not much quality among the lot of racers. Incidentally the Second Leg of the Daily Double is on this event, and it looks that punters may find it hard to get the other 'orse to complete the combination.

On paper Snowy River looks the good 'un, but the cream mare has lost a great deal of her dash and energy and it would be advisable to leave her out.

My best three are Centre Court, Rooifly and Twilight Star and I expect them to cross the bar in that order.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

THE FIFTH EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held (weather permitting) at HAPPY VALLEY on SATURDAY, 11th and MONDAY, 13th May, 1940, commencing at 2.00 p.m. on Saturday, and at 12.30 p.m. on Monday.

The First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m. on the First Day and at 12.00 NOON on the Second Day. The Tiffin Interval will be after the second race (1.00 p.m.) on the Second Day.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE

The temporary green cardboard badges are now cancelled and will no longer procure admission to the Enclosure.

No One without a badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure. Such must be worn throughout the duration of each Meeting in such a manner as to be readily identified.

Badges admitting Non-Members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at $5.00 per day for Gentlemen and $3.00 per day for Ladies (both including tax) are obtainable through the SECRETARY upon the personal or written application of a Member, such Member to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him, and for Payment of all Chits, etc.

The Secretary's Office, 1st floor, Exchange Building, (Tel. 27794) will close at 11.45 a.m. on the First Day and at 10.45 a.m. on the Second Day.

Tiffins are obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy (Tel. 21020).

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The price of Admission to the Public Enclosure is $1.00 including Tax, for all Persons, including Ladies, and is payable at the Gate. Soldiers and Sailors in Uniform are admitted Half Price.

By Order,
C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 6th May, 1940.

SPORT ADVTS.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

NOTICE TO MEMBERS

FIFTH EXTRA RACE MEETING, GREEN ISLAND HANDICAP

2nd Day—Monday, 13th May

In view of the number of entries received for the above, it has been decided to divide the race into three sections.

The third section will be race No. 11 and run at 6.30 p.m.

A cash sweep, tickets $5 each, will be held on this race but "All through" chances will not participate, and tickets can be purchased only at the Race Course during the Meeting.

By Order of the Stewards,
C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 4th May, 1940.

Lead Mine H'cap (1st Sect.)

DIFFICULT CHOICE FOR FIRST EVENT

Gladiator or Rose-Queen May Solve Problem

THE CURTAIN RAISER will be the first section of the Lead Mine Handicap for "C" class China ponies over the Derby course of one and a half miles, and it will be ridden by jockeys who have not won ten races.

Spotting the winner is not easy, as we have to find which ponies can last the distance. There are a few stayers in this bunch, but believe me they have lost a great deal of their prowess.

The two best, in my opinion, are Gladiator and Rose-Queen, but they are getting no younger. The former is hopeless on a muddy course. In his prime Gladiator was considered in 1934 as the best minion from the "Hem" stable, but the pony with Mr. Johnnie up finished down the course, and the heavy going was responsible for its failure in the Hongkong Derby.

In the following year Rose-Queen with Mr. Needa in the saddle succumbed to Herod in the Hongkong Derby by half a length, but can the mare be trusted to give us a carbon copy of 1935's classic performance?

Of the subscription ponies, Rose Evelyn is the only China steed that had won a distance event, namely, the Subscription St. Leger in 1936, but I have reason to say that the mare is not in her own.

Guinness Time and Musketeer have good sporting chances, but the latter is a hard puller, and I am afraid that Mr. K. F. Chiu will not be able to hold him.

I hear that Galveston Bay will be Mr. Treverton's mount while Boolat Bay will be ridden by his owner—Mr. S. W. Lee. It looks that Galveston Bay will give Mr. Treverton a nice ride, and bring him out of the novice class.



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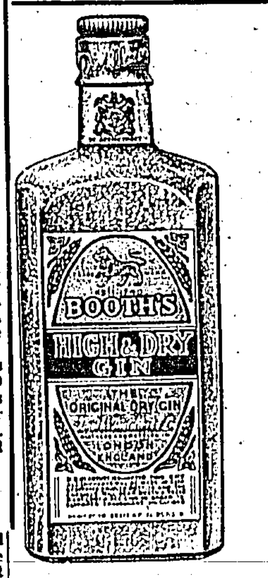
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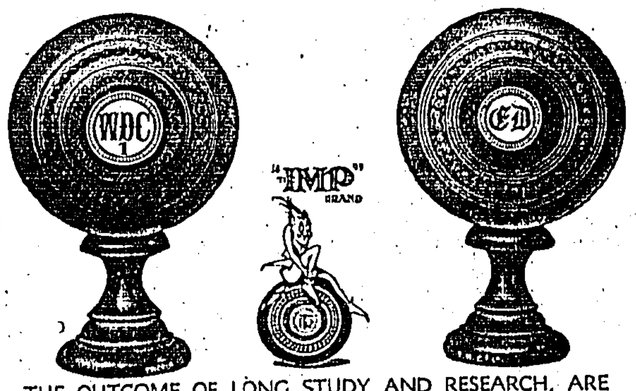


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WITHDRAWALS FROM BASKETBALL LEAGUE

South China Refuse Petition for Stadium

(By "GUARD")

A BOMBSHELL was dropped by the "A" and "B" cagers of South China on Wednesday, on the occasion of the commencement of the basketball season. When their names were called for their matches, the captains of both teams announced their intention of withdrawing from the League, but declined to give any reasons.

No explanation was given until yesterday, when most of the Chinese newspapers published an open letter signed by the players in which were given their reasons for their withdrawal.

It appears that the basketballers wish to profit by South China's "fat" year to ask for a new stadium, the cost of which was estimated at roughly $1,700, and have addressed a petition to the Association, which petition was ignored.

Eastern have also withdrawn their team from the League. Their reason, it seems, is that most of their players are only temporarily transferred from their Shanghai offices and they may be called back at a moment's notice. Eastern will not then be able to put up a team.

LEAGUE DIVIDED

THE LEAGUE has been divided into two sections, First and Second Divisions. Matches will be played at the Chinese Y.M.C.A. every Wednesday and Saturday, the first and third being Second Division matches at 6.15 and 8.15 p.m., and the second will be of the First Division commencing at 7.15.

On Wednesday in the Second Division, Rainbow trounced Ching Mo 42-29 in an exciting encounter marked by some clever centre-pivotal play. Chan Ho scored 14 points for his side and gave an excellent performance. Tsui Fai-yuen tallied 11 points and lent Chan valuable support to carry their side to an easy victory.

Ching Mo was best served by Chan Kwong-ying who scored 14 points for them.

Junior Champions Will Try Once More

ONCE MORE, the present joint champions of the Junior Cricket League will endeavour to play-off to decide the sole winners of the Shield. The Police and the Indian R.C. 2nd XI meet on Sunday on the latter's ground at 2 p.m.

Warwick Farm H'cap

Good Race For The Australians

THE WARWICK FARM HANDICAP for Australian ponies of this season (winners of $1,000 or more in stakes, barred) should produce a good fight between Australian Prince, Rowan and Springhurst, and the run is over the champion course.

Rowan is my fancy, for the mare, although beaten by Fair Chance, showed up well in the Canterbury Park Handicap.

I think that Australian Prince and Springhurst are not stayers.

Spencer Handicap

Income Tax Should Win

INCOME TAX, the property of Taxpayer, must be respected as the best 'un for the last event, the Spencer Handicap, confined to "D" class Australian ponies, over a course from the two mile post, once round and in. He is on the same level with Shuttlecock, but I am afraid that the distance may be too long for the latter. Brown Derby should follow behind.

Cottage Club Paper Hunt On Saturday

THE COTTAGE CLUB paper-hunt for the Flying Dutchman Cup will be held on Saturday at 4 p.m. The meet will be at Sheungshui cross-roads. The Flying Dutchman himself will not fly, as he has broken a wing, but he wishes good luck to all riders.

This will probably be the last hunt of the season.

Ponies will be drawn for at the Club at 3.30 p.m. and transport will be provided to the meet.

Fanling Golf

Mrs. Shrigley Qualifies For Captain's Cup

MRS. SHRIGLEY qualified for the Captain's Cup Competition, in the Ladies' Section of the Royal Hongkong Golf Club, when she returned a card of 103-30=73 over the New Course, at Fanling, during the April qualifying round.

MEDAL CARDS

In the Club Medal Competition, Bronze Division, Mrs. Margrett on April 2 returned the best card, 100-25=75. There were no entries in the Silver Division.

The Captain's Cup Competition will be played at Happy Valley during the months of May, June, July, August and September. The full course is now open at Happy Valley.

Stonecutters H'cap

Eve Of Reason And Hughber Well Tuned

ON PAPER Gay Star (Mr. Hearne) should have an easy passage in the Stonecutters Handicap over 1¼ miles for China pony griffins of this season, but it would be advisable for the mare to keep a sharp look-out for Eve of Reason and Hughber, both are well tuned to concert pitch.

Hillsboro Bay has been set to carry only 140 lbs., and if Mr. Needa can get down to the scale, the combination is worth following for the first position in the semaphore outside the judge's box.

Giants Trounce Pirates

NEW YORK, May 9 (UP).—New York Giants trounced the Pittsburgh Pirates 17-6 in a National League baseball match to-day. Complete scores of games played were:

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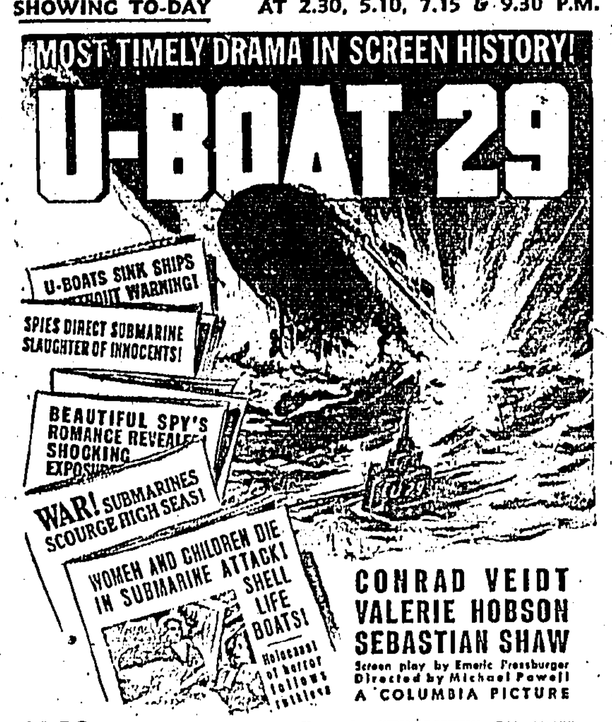
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Holland Not Negotiating

Reported Demands By Nazi Denied

AMSTERDAM, May 9 (Reuter).—An official denial that Holland is negotiating with Germany or any other country was given to "Reuter" last night.

The denial referred to rumours published abroad that following the German demands, Holland had sent emissaries to Berlin.

It was repeated to-night that Holland's defensive preparations are being taken with a view to the international situation and not as the result of any demands made upon her.

Situation Easier

AMSTERDAM, May 9 (Reuter).—Normal passenger traffic on all Dutch railways will be resumed on Saturday.

This is regarded as indicating an easing of the situation.

Army Fully Prepared

BRUSSELS, May 9 (Reuter).—Certain A.R.P. units have been reinforced, but there are no other special measures. The army is already fully prepared.

Decree Bans Meetings

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

THE HAGUE, May 9 (UP).—The Netherlands Commander-in-Chief, General H. Winkelman, has issued a decree, banning all meetings of over 500 persons in the provinces of Overijsel, Gelderland, Noord Brabant, Limburg and Utrecht.

Rounding-Up Tax-Evaders

Inquisitorial Methods By British Govt.

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, May 9 (UP).—Rumours that the Government is planning inquisitorial methods, including the examination of the books of banks, in order to detect British nationals who have not registered their foreign security holdings, were confirmed to-day by the publication of an order in council empowering the Treasury to take steps "for the purpose of securing compliance with or detecting the evasion of "regulations regarding British owned foreign securities."

The Financial Editor of the "Daily Telegraph" recently stated that the Government had learned that "very large amounts" of British funds invested in United States securities during the past few years, mainly for tax avoidance, have still not been reported to the authorities as required by the new Defence Regulations.

Mail Fraud Is Alleged

Another Sensational U.S. Indictment

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

NEW YORK, May 8 (UP).—Mr. Howard C. Hopson, former President of the billion dollar Associated Gas & Electric Company, together with three associates, was to-day indicted for mail fraud conspiracy charges.

The Federal Grand Jury accused them of defrauding investors of over $20,000,000.

They will be arraigned on Tuesday next.

Inter-American Bank Scheme

WASHINGTON, May 9 (Reuter).—The establishment of an Inter-American Bank with a capital of $100,000,000 is now virtually assured.

The required minimum of six nations have filed notice that they will sign the draft convention to-morrow.

The nations concerned are the United States, Mexico, Columbia, Ecuador, Nicaragua and the Dominican Republic.

WESTERN FRONT

Infantry In Action

PARIS, May 9 (Reuter).—An official communique issued to-day states that during last night infantry actions took place on a large front. The enemy were repulsed everywhere.

During the day there was activity of both artilleries to the West of the Vosges and in the region of Wissembourg.

Nazis Taken Prisoners

Four occupants of a German reconnaissance bomber which made a forced landing at a village in central France were held prisoner by farm labourers until taken into custody by the military authorities.

Strengthening Maginot Line

PARIS, May 9 (Reuter).—The work of deepening and strengthening the Maginot Line has continued uninterrupted since the war broke out.

To date French engineers have built 1,200 extra reinforced concrete blockhouses and have used nearly 1,000,000 tons of materials.

U.S. Planes To Visit Dutch Island

COLON, May 9 (Reuter).—Great significance is attached in Panama to the forthcoming "courtesy visit" of two United States Army bomber planes from the Canal Zone to the Netherland's island of Aruba, which is off the Venezuelan coast.

There are many important oil refineries at Aruba.

The bombers will take off from Albrook aerodrome in the Canal Zone at dawn to-morrow.

It will be the first trip from the Canal to Aruba by United States Army planes.

The visit is considered important in view of the recent discussions on the possibility of action by the United States regarding the Dutch insular possessions in the event of Holland becoming involved in a European war.

Truce Called In Eire Dail

Two By-Elections Are Postponed

LONDON, May 9 (Reuter).—A political truce was announced in the Eire Dail to-day by Mr. Cosgrave, leader of the Opposition.

He said that his party did not propose to contest the by-election in Galway for a seat, rendered vacant by the death of a Government supporter, nor did he propose to move a writ for the Kilkenny vacancy, due to the death of a member of his own party.

He said that he would not move the Kilkenny writ until Mr. De Valera had said that the danger of a civil disturbance was past.

It is understood that both by-elections will be postponed for three months.

Lieut. L. H. Kettle, who is reported among the casualties in H.M. submarine "Tarpon," was formerly in Hongkong, where he was attached to H.M.S. Regent.

England Will Be Ruthless

Foreign Comment On Commons Debate

LONDON, May 9 (Reuter).—The "Gothenburg Goteborsposten" says: "England's extraordinary power is seldom oppressive and often Stabilising and peace-producing.

"But when the Empire is at stake, Englishmen can show ruthlessness more than anyone else. We now must be prepared for a ruthless England."

The Stockholm "Tidnungen" says: "The British follow a fine old tradition. They cast off the camouflage of a critical situation and speak out as though the enemy and the world are not listening to every word. They do not attempt to paint a favourable picture, but ruthlessly emphasise the situation's gravity, and much of the criticism concerns the Cabinet's efforts to represent matters in a better light than were justified. There was no tone of defeatism in the chorus of dissatisfaction, although recent events were recognised as defeat."

Proud Traditions Maintained

The "Dagens Nyheter" says: "The English House of Commons maintains the proudest traditions of debate on the affairs of a State in a very serious situation with an energy and unrestraint sharply contrasting with the hush-hush campaign carried on by the government of smaller democracies. The Government considers the danger of silencing criticism and ignoring the people's representatives still greater. The result is confrontation of the governors and the governed, from which the country proceeds with greater determination and continues to fight at all costs."

U.S. Press Comment

NEW YORK, May 9 (Reuter).—The New York press comments favourably on the fact that it is possible to air complaints in Parliament so freely and to hold the Ministers to account so directly.

The "New York Times" says that notice has been served on Mr. Chamberlain and his colleagues. The paper says that they are on trial before their own people as well as those of France.

The Government has won an uneasy reprieve after the most violent battering of its career.

The "Herald Tribune" does not see in Chamberlain one who has the personal vigour or driving ability to eradicate the weaknesses of the conduct of the war. It is imperative, says the paper, that those weaknesses should be eradicated.

The "New York Post" contrasts uncertain England with Germany moving on a fixed schedule preparing for the summer campaign.

The "New York Sun" points out that the Government must carry on the war with greater vigour.

Silver Buying To Be Stopped

U.S. Senate Approves New Legislation

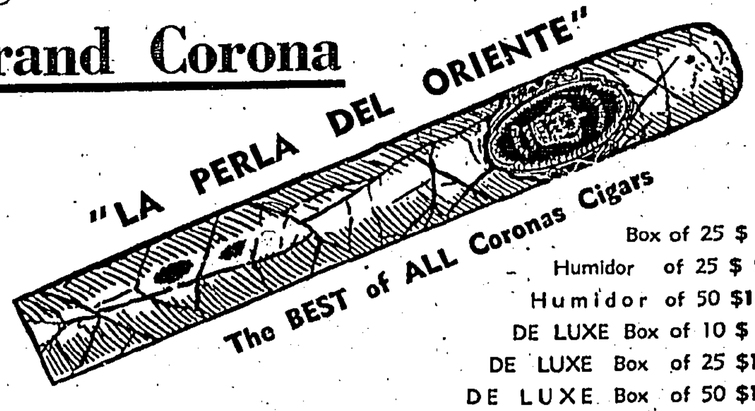
WASHINGTON, May 9 (Reuter).—The Senate to-night passed by 45 votes to 30 legislation to end the Administration's seven-year - old policy of buying foreign silver.

Earlier the Senate had rejected the proposal by Senator Key Pittman to continue purchases but to require sellers to use the proceeds from the silver sales for buying United States farm products.

The Bill, which now goes to the House of Representatives, would terminate the authority for silver purchases granted to the President and Treasury under the Silver Purchase Act of 1934.

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STOCK EXCHANGE HAS GOOD DAY

LONDON, May 9 (Reuter).—On the Stock Exchange to-day, Kaffirs maintained a good disposition and movements again favoured holders.

In other directions a better sentiment prevailed after initial dullness. Gilt-edged securities met with renewed support, while the recent sagging of industrials was checked by some bear-covering.

Brazilians weakened but other foreign bonds were mainly steady.

Rubber holdings were helped by good dividend announcements.

Wall Street was firm.

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BELGIUM AND LUXEMBOURG ALSO REPORTED AT WAR AS BLITZKRIEG STARTS

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

GERMANY HAS SIMULTANEOUSLY INVADED THE NETHERLANDS, AND LUXEMBOURG.

The position regarding Belgium is obscure but at 4 p.m. H.K. time to-day a "Domei" message from Washington declared that a state of war existed between Belgium and Germany.

THE WASHINGTON REPORT REGARDING THE INVASION OF LUXEMBOURG QUOTES AN OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE ISSUED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE.

First reports of the German invasion of the Netherlands were exclusively published in the Hongkong "Telegraph" this morning at 11 o'clock, two and quarter hours after German planes appeared over Amsterdam.

These reports, which were received through "United Press," were not confirmed by any other agency until 4 p.m.

The invasion is apparently nation-wide, and is apparently being carried out by means of transport planes.

First intimation that something was amiss came shortly before midnight when the Netherlands Government imposed a strict censorship on all communications and closed the locks of canals around Amsterdam.

BRIEF STORY OF INVASION

Here, in brief urgent flashes is the story of the invasion, as told by "United Press" correspondents.

2.41 a.m. (9.41 a.m. H.K.T.) The noise of unidentified planes is audible over Amsterdam.

Searchlights immediately went into action, and anti-aircraft guns fired at the mystery machines for five minutes.

SKY DARK WITH AEROPLANES

4.5 a.m. (11.5 a.m. H.K.T.) The sky over Holland is darkened by planes of unknown nationality.

Amsterdam's anti-aircraft guns have again gone into action.

Intense anti-aircraft fire is reported from the entire countryside.

Huge squadrons of big planes are crossing to and fro over the entire country.

PARACHUTE LANDINGS

Germany is using hundreds of transport planes in the "Blitzkrieg" air invasion of Holland, says "United Press."

Parachute troops appear to be landing throughout the country.

Simultaneously, it has now been established, the German forces have crossed the frontier in the vicinity of Aachen in considerable numbers.

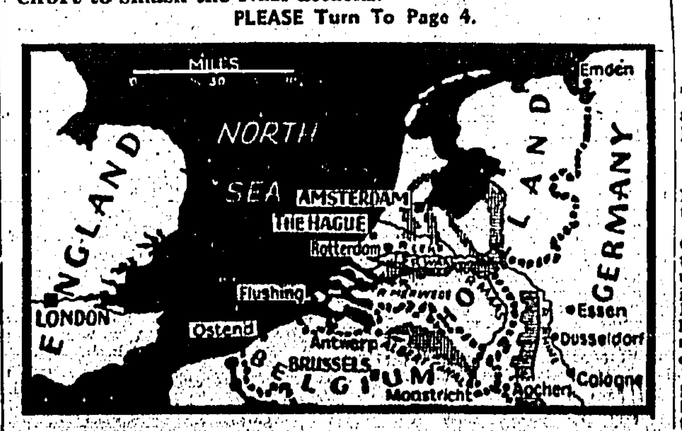
THE DUTCH, EVERYWHERE, ARE FIGHTING DESPERATELY TO STEM THE INVASION UNTIL HELP CAN COME FROM THE ALLIES.

UNEXPECTED AIR ATTACK

The country's entire defence plan, which has been mobilised for the past 24 hours, is functioning smoothly, but the great and unexpected nature of the German attack from the air has affected the situation.

The entire Dutch air force has taken to the air in an effort to smash the Nazi attacks.

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ROYAL FAMILY



Three generations of Holland's royalty are depicted in this photograph. Queen Wilhelmina is seen affectionately bending over the shoulder of her daughter, Princess Juliana, and her granddaughter, Princess Beatrix.

GOVT. IS DOOMED

Premier Advised To Resign

By H. L. PERCY
("UNITED PRESS" STAFF CORRESPONDENT)

LONDON, May 10 (UP).—The majority of Members of Parliament with whom I talked last night adhere to the conviction that the Chamberlain Government is doomed.

Its survival could be prolonged for only a brief period.

A group of rebel Conservatives have already discussed with Mr. Chamberlain the question of his resignation, and have advised him to offer his services under another Prime Minister.

Three Possible Courses

Several courses are open to Mr. Chamberlain if he sees His Majesty the King.

1.—He may resign outright, leaving it up to the Labour Party or, if they refuse or fail, to the Liberal Party to form a Cabinet.

2.—He may tender the resignation of himself and members of the Cabinet to the King, and form an entirely new Cabinet.

3.—He may resign and suggest to His Majesty that some other prominent Conservative, such as Lord Halifax or Mr. Churchill, form a new Cabinet.

The third course seems the most likely one Mr. Chamberlain will adopt.

Labour Party's Reluctance

The Parliamentary Labour Party is reluctant to form a Government and the Opposition Liberals are too weak to gain any substantial following in the House.

The likeliest development is that Lord Halifax will become Premier (with a seat in the House of Lords) and Mr. Churchill leader in the House of Commons.

The Opposition, however, is almost certain to object to the Premier sitting in the House of Lords and Mr. Churchill may, therefore, become Premier.

If Mr. Chamberlain resigns outright, the only two possible con-

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BRITISH LAND IN ICELAND

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, May 10, (UP).—The Foreign Office has officially announced that British forces have landed in Iceland.

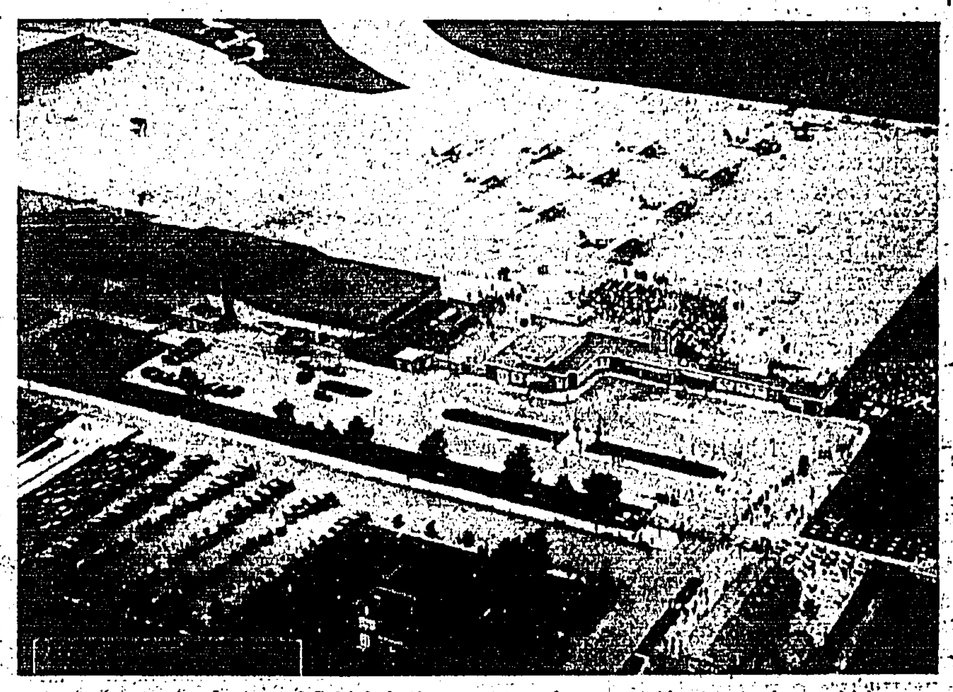
Official Statement

LONDON, May 10 (Reuter).—The Foreign Office announces that British forces have landed in Iceland.

The statement continues: "The Government has decided to preclude the possibility of German descent upon Iceland. The Government has given explicit guarantees to the Icelandic Government that the force has been landed to ensure the security of Iceland, and will be withdrawn at the conclusion of hostilities.

"The Government made plain its intention that it has no desire to interfere with the existing administration in Iceland.

NAZIS BOMBED & WRECKED THIS AERODROME TO-DAY



An overhead view of Schiphol, the great aerodrome outside Amsterdam which was bombed by German planes this morning, and according to latest report, wrecked. Big fires are said to have broken out at the 'drome following the Nazi raid.

LABOUR FAVOURS LLOYD GEORGE

By Frederick Kuh
("UNITED PRESS" STAFF CORRESPONDENT)

LONDON, May 9 (UP).—A prominent member of the Parliamentary Labour Party informed me to-night that Mr. Lloyd George would be the most suitable man for the Premiership from the Labour point of view.

He admitted, however, that such a selection would encounter stiff opposition from the Conservatives, and this opposition would prove decisive.

Labour's next best choice, he said, was Mr. Churchill, but Labour's acceptance of office under Lord Halifax should not be ruled out.

Liberal members express almost identical views.

RUSSIAN WARNING ALLEGED

Concentrations In The Balkans

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

SOFIA, May 9 (Domei).—Diplomatic sources in Sofia state that Soviet Russia has warned the Allies, Germany and Italy that the Soviet Union cannot remain indifferent to the concentration of forces now taking place in the Balkan sector.

The warning is also said to have been extended to Rumania and Yugo-Slavia.

Bulgarian official circles believe that this step by the U.S.S.R. endorses her future policy in the Balkans.

They recall that, following the despatch of a Yugo-Slavian military delegation to Moscow, a Soviet military mission is now en-route to Yugo-Slavia.

From Moscow, however, the official "Tass" Agency denies that the Soviet has offered to come to the aid of Yugo-Slavia or Rumania if they are invaded by Germany.

Allies Tighten Grip In North Norway

NAZIS RETREAT FROM NARVIK

By PETER RHODES
(UNITED PRESS STAFF CORRESPONDENT)

KIRUNA, Norwegian Border, May 9 (UP).—The German forces east of Narvik are retreating toward the Swedish frontier.

Only nine miles separate two Allied and Norwegian columns, which are driving down the mountains on Bjordfjuell, where the Narvik railway to the Swedish iron ore mines in Kiruna cuts through the mountains into Sweden.

Should these two forces close across the valley through which the vital railway passes, the German garrison in Narvik will be completely isolated, and a final assault on the port can be expected to follow at once.

Allied Advance

The Allied and Norwegian forces appear to have made considerable progress from the north and have now captured all the ridges dominating the German positions along the railway.

Additionally, Elvergard and Moen, at the foot of Herjangs Fjord, have been re-captured by Allied forces.

The Norwegians, reinforced by skilled French Alpine ski troops, have spent the past ten days mopping up the Germans on the ridges dominating the railway. This task is now completed.

Simultaneously, another Allied force has landed at Elvergaard and is now toiling over Stoestein Mountain towards the southern ridge of dominating Bjordfjuell heights.

Nazis Fly Reinforcements

Best reports available on the frontier indicate that the Germans have been reinforced by approximately 1,000 troops who have been flown to Narvik by transport plane since the first landing. This would make the total Nazi defence force in Narvik only 5,000 men.

Because of increased Allied air activity in the north, it is no longer

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LATEST

MASS RAID ON PARIS

LONDON, May 10, (DOMEI).—GERMAN AIR FORCE THIS MORNING CARRIED OUT MASS AIR RAID ON PARIS. PLANES ALSO ATTACKED THAMES ESTUARY.

BELGIUM INVADED

BRUSSELS, May 10 (Domei).—The German Army broke through the Belgo-German border and invaded Belgium at 5 o'clock this morning, the Belgian Government announces. Belgium is now at war with Germany, the announcement added.

NAZIS AT NIVELLE

PARIS, MAY 10 (REUTER).—BRUSSELS RADIO REPORTS GERMAN PARACHUTISTS HAVE DESCENDED AT NIVELLE, TWENTY MILES SOUTH OF BRUSSELS.

Belgians Resist

PARIS, MAY 10 (UP).—IT IS OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCED THAT THE BELGIAN ARMY IS RESISTING THE GERMAN INVASION.

SOCIALISTS WILLING TO JOIN NATIONAL CABINET IF CHAMBERLAIN GOES

LONDON, MAY 9 (REUTER).—"REUTER'S" PARLIAMENTARY CORRESPONDENT LEARNS THAT TO-DAY'S DEVELOPMENTS, ACCELERATED BY YESTERDAY'S SPEECHES IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS, ARE CONSIDERED TO MAKE THE DEPARTURE OF MR. NEVILLE CHAMBERLAIN ALMOST CERTAIN.

The most likely names from whom the new Premier will be selected are considered late to-night to be Lord Halifax (now Foreign Secretary,) Mr. Winston Churchill (First Lord of the Admiralty and Chairman of the Committee in charge of military operations) and Mr. Lloyd George (Premier in the last World War.)

CHURCHILL FAVOURED

For various reasons, including possible complications arising from the fact that Lord Halifax is a member of the House of Lords, the most likely selection is felt to be Mr. Churchill.

Although decision about Labour participation is a matter for Party conference, it is believed that Labour would serve under Mr. Churchill.

LABOUR'S REBUFF

Mr. C. R. Attlee, the Leader of the Labour Opposition, and Mr. Arthur Greenwood, the Deputy Leader, visited the Prime Minister at 10 Downing Street this evening.

It is understood that at the meeting Mr. Chamberlain asked them whether they were prepared to serve in a reconstructed Government under his leadership.

If not, it is learned, they were asked whether they were prepared to serve under the leadership of another member of the Conservative Party.

"REUTER" LEARNS THAT THE REPLY OF THE LABOUR LEADERS WAS THAT SERVICE UNDER THE PRIME MINISTER WAS IMPOSSIBLE.

THAT IS ALSO THE VIEW HELD BY THE OPPOSITION LIBERAL PARTY.

Whether or not the Labour Party will be prepared to join an All-Party government under other leadership will be finally decided by the Party executive at Bournemouth to-morrow.

WILLING TO RESIGN

The form of the questions put to the Labour leaders is taken as a clear indication that the Prime Minister is now willing to resign if such an action would lead to the formation of a new National Government satisfactory to all parties.

The Rt. Hon. Mr. C. R. Attlee and Mr. Arthur Greenwood (Labour) were 45 minutes with the Prime Minister.

Lord Halifax and Mr. Winston Churchill were present at the interview.

The Prime Minister is not seeing the King to-day.

Nothing further expected to-night.

Press Reaction To Debate

The British press is unanimous that the following two main points have come out of the Debate in the House of Commons:

1.—That the Government must be strengthened.

2.—That the country's war effort must be increased.

The press emphasises that all parties agree that this is the main problem and are discussing how it would be best to put it into effect.

There is less agreement on the best way of strengthening the Government.

The Labour "Daily Herald" says that Mr. Chamberlain must go.

Morally and physically says the paper, he is defeated beyond hope of recovery.

The "News Chronicle" says that it is significant that Mr. Chamberlain's Government no longer has the confidence of either Parliament or the country.

The "Times" Appeal

Most of the other papers are less drastic although they are unanimous in their demands for an overhaul of the government.

"The Times" appeals to the Labour Party to rise above Party matters to take a share in running the country.

The paper regrets the press for division and says that this is not the way to adjust the Government quickly.

The "Daily Telegraph" sees in Chamberlain's speech a possibility that he too is thinking on the lines that personal or other considerations should not be allowed to prevent the formation of the best government for conducting the war.

It will only remain for him to move promptly from thought to deed.

With regard to Norway, the government emerged very creditably with a straightforward and complete answer to the major criticisms.

If the members had not been prevented from giving the full facts it is possible that their case might have been even stronger.

A Bad Story

The "Manchester Guardian" says that although the result of the debate has gone abroad as an apparent victory for the Government everyone here knows that it is nothing of the kind.

It is a bad story—lack of provisions, lack of preparations, indecision, slowness and fear of taking risks.

Britain has had this before. She has never fought a major war without this.

But it cannot be permitted in a war with an enemy like Hitler.

The "Yorkshire Post" says that a far bigger question is involved than whether this man or that man should be Prime Minister.

There must be a transformation of ideas. We must fight not with easy-going confidence but with a desperate devotion. Far from groaning under our burdens we are asking for heavier ones.

Premier Sees King

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, May 9 (Domei).—Mr. Neville Chamberlain had audience to-night with His Majesty the King.

Subsequently, Mr. Chamberlain summoned Lord Halifax and other Cabinet advisers to No. 10 Downing Street for an important discussion.

Rebellion Against Chamberlain

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, May 9 (UP).—About 34 rebel conservative members met in the House of Commons this afternoon, presided over by Mr. Clement Davis.

They all voted against the Government in last night's vote of confidence and this afternoon they decided unanimously that the next Government must be a real National Government.

TREE DESPOILERS IMPRISONED

Charged with possession of 37 catties of wild tree wood in Gap Road, three Chinese were, between them, given five months' hard labour by Mr. Sheldon at the Central Magistracy this morning.

Wong Sik, 30, and Li Ming, 37, unemployed, were sentenced to two months' hard labour each, while Tam Ying, 42, unemployed, was given a month's hard labour. When the men were arrested, they had axes and saws in their possession.

LONDON, May 9 (British Wireless).—A further contribution of £10,000 to the Lord Mayor's Red Cross St. John Fund from the Sports Committee raises the total from that source to £37,000.

BAIT FOR SWEDEN & FINLAND

Soviet Plan For Joint Control Of Aalands

NEW YORK, May 9 (Reuter).—The U.S.S.R. is reported to have proposed to Sweden and Finland pacts similar to those negotiated last year with Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania, according to a "usually reliable source," says the "Christian Science Monitor's" Stockholm correspondent.

The correspondent adds that the proposal is believed to be receiving serious consideration in Stockholm and Helsingfors.

Offer To Finland

It is reported that the Soviet proposals include a plan for joint fortification and defence of the Aaland Islands.

It is further reported that if the proposals are accepted, the U.S.S.R. is willing to restore the Karelian provinces.

The correspondent expresses the opinion that Sweden, faced with the choice between German domination and gravitation towards the U.S.S.R. might choose the latter as the lesser evil.

No Room For Italians

Suez Canal Directors Remain Exclusive

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

PARIS, May 10 (UP).—Italian pretensions to representation on the Directorate of the Suez Canal Company will be entirely ignored by the 32 members of the Council at its annual meeting, which will be held next month.

"The Canal authorities have received no official request proposing Italian participation on the Administrative Board," the "United Press" was informed by a reliable source.

The Suez Canal is operated as a private company and is open to the ships of every nation.

"Even to-day, with Germany at war with the Allies, German ships complying with the Company's rules would be permitted passage through the Canal," the "United Press" informant said.

Bravery Has Its Reward

Gallant Officers Are Decorated

LONDON, May 9 (Reuter).—The daring resourcefulness of officers and men of the Fleet Air Arm and the submarine service off the Norwegian coast is recognised in a long list of awards published to-day in the "London Gazette".

Those who will receive the D.S.O. include Captain Richard Thomas Patridge, Royal Marines; Lt. William Paulet Lucy, Royal Navy; Lt.-Cmdr. Christopher Haynes Hutchinson, of the submarine Truant; Lt.-Cmdr. John Hay Forbes, of the submarine Sunfish; and Lt. William Donald King, of the submarine Snapper.

There are also a number of Distinguished Service Crosses and Distinguished Service Medals and mentions in the despatches.

An unusual distinction falls to Acting Lieutenant E. W. T. Taylour, who is awarded the D.S.C., a bar, and is mentioned in despatches.

STOCKHOLM, May 9 (Reuter).—The Swedish Press to-day published a chart showing the location of the new minefield laid outside Stockholm harbour.

ROOSEVELT TO SPEAK

Likely To Deal With European War

WASHINGTON, May 9 (Reuter).—The subject of President Roosevelt's address to the American Scientific Congress tomorrow night is being kept a close secret at the White House.

It is not questioned that President Roosevelt will deal largely with foreign affairs and it is difficult to see how he can keep off the subject of the European war.

President Roosevelt himself obviously regards the speech has important because he began its composition as early as Tuesday when he cancelled his Press conference on that score.

Moving On Two Fronts

The Washington "Times-Herald" comments that the President is cloaking his diplomatic manoeuvring in the closest secrecy, but veteran observers are convinced that he is charting a sensational course.

The President appears to be moving on two fronts—in the Pacific through the fleet and in Europe through Rome and probably the Vatican.

No Peace Plan Mooted

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

ROME, May 9 (UP).—A report published in the United States that Mussolini has rejected President Roosevelt's offer to attempt some sort of peace effort has been categorically denied by authoritative Italian quarters.

They state that the report is absolutely without foundation because no peace plan has been discussed between Mussolini and the United States Ambassador, Mr. William Phillipps.

They add that the conversations between Il Duce and the Ambassador have been most friendly and helpful.

Holland Not Negotiating

Reported Demands By Nazi Denied

AMSTERDAM, May 9 (Reuter).—An official denial that Holland is negotiating with Germany or any other country was given to "Reuter" last night.

The—denial referred to rumours published abroad that following the German demands, Holland had sent emissaries to Berlin.

It was repeated to-nigst that Holland's defensive preparations are being taken with a view to the international situation and not as the result of any demands made upon her.

Situation Easier

AMSTERDAM, May 9 (Reuter).—Normal passenger traffic on all Dutch railways will be resumed on Saturday.

This is regarded as indicating an easing of the situation.

Army Fully Prepared

BRUSSELS, May 9 (Reuter).—Certain A.R.P. units have been reinforced, but there are no other special measures. The army is already fully prepared.

Decree Bans Meetings

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

THE HAGUE, May 9 (UP).—The Netherlands Commander-in-Chief, General H. Winkelman, has issued a decree, banning all meetings of over 500 persons in the provinces of Overijsel, Gelderland, Noord Brabant, Limburg and Utrecht.

Japan Loses Vital Trade

Philippines Market Slumps Heavily

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, May 9 (UP).—A Department of Commerce survey, based on reports from the Commissioner in Manila, to-day cited Japan's decline last year as a source of supply to the Philippines.

The survey said that United States position was unchanged with 70 and 68 per cent. of the Islands' exports and imports respectively.

Japanese imports declined to 66 per cent. which is the lowest level since 1933, and the Japanese share of the Islands' total import trade was 6.2 per cent. which was the smallest since 1912.

Truce Called In Eire Dail

Two By-Elections Are Postponed

LONDON, May 9 (Reuter).—A political truce was announced in the Eire Dail to-day by Mr. Cosgrave, leader of the Opposition.

He said that his party did not propose to contest the by-election in Galway for a seat, rendered vacant by the death of a Government supporter, nor did he propose to move a writ for the Kilkenny vacancy, due to the death of a member of his own party.

He said that he would not move the Kilkenny writ until Mr. De Valera had said that the danger of a civil disturbance was past.

It is understood that both by-elections will be postponed for three months.

Manslaughter Trial Continues With CROSS-EXAMINATION OF ACCUSED OFFICER

The cross-examination of Kenneth Duncan Bruce, aged 24, an engineer officer of one of His Majesty's ships, charged with the manslaughter of a ricksha coolie, Lam Shing-chi, was continued before the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, at the Criminal Sessions this morning.

It was alleged that a car, driven by Bruce, knocked down and killed Lam in Hennessy Road, Wanchai, about 2.30 a.m. on April 4.

Mr. J. P. Murphy, Assistant Crown Solicitor, appears for the prosecution, assisted by Traffic Inspector S. C. Saunders. Bruce is defended by the Hon. Mr. Leo d'Almada, Jnr., instructed by Mr. D. B. Evans.

The following comprise the Jury: Messrs. J. F. Lawrie (foreman), V. P. Santos, J. Mar, Chan Hung-ching, B. A. Young, Wong Shiu-wa and J. W. Bundred.

Bruce had already given evidence yesterday, and was being cross-examined by Mr. Murphy when the case was adjourned. This morning, Mr. d'Almada asked leave to interpose a witness before Bruce's cross-examination was continued. Leave was granted.

Surgeon's Evidence

Surg. Lt.-Cdr. Banks, R.A.N.R., surgeon of the defendant's ship and a graduate of the University of Sydney, said he had attended defendant personally. At the end of November, 1939, Bruce complained of a severe headache, adding he was inclined to be sick with it. Witness diagnosed sick-headaches, and prescribed a certain powder for him. Two tablets of five grains each, containing a total of one grain of opium, were given him. In January, Bruce saw witness again, when four tablets were given him with instructions to take two first.

Witness did not tell Bruce it was imperative for him to lie down after taking the pills, or that he should not undertake any work requiring a certain degree of concentration. The object of the pills was to induce sleep.

Dr. Banks said he would advise against driving a car after a person had taken the pills. He had not told Bruce not to, as he had not anticipated him doing so. The headaches from which Bruce suffered were bad ones. Witness himself had experienced them.

Disagrees With Doctor

Cross-examined by Mr. Murphy, Dr. Banks disagreed with the opinion expressed by Dr. Griffiths that the pills were not the recognised treatment for sick-headaches. He did not think that if a man dozed off after taking the pills and suddenly awoke, that man would remain completely awake after that. The tendency to feel sleepy, he said, would indicate that the whole brain felt sleepy.

Re-examined by Mr. d'Almada, Dr. Banks said he saw accused after the accident and spoke to him. Bruce then did not mention anything but a day or two later, when witness saw him again, he mentioned he had taken some of the pills. He made the admission when witness questioned him. Witness did not think Bruce realised the nature of the pills, as he had never been told what they were, and probably thought they were aspirin.

Accused in Box

Bruce then resumed his stand in the witness-box. In reply to Mr. Murphy, he said he remembered shaking hands with the proprietor of the To Yuen restaurant in West Point. He did so to show he was not offended at being refused a drink.

Questioned further about the accident in Hennessy Road, Bruce said he remembered stopping for a moment and then continuing. He knew he had hit a man and had not hit a pillar.

Mr. Murphy: What was your reaction to having hit a man?—My reaction was to find out how badly I had hit him.

Did you take any steps to effect your reaction?—I stopped the car, but did not look round, nor did my companion. He looked round of his own accord and then said everything was alright. I was satisfied with this.

Did you care whether the man had been hurt or not?—I would.

Do you think that a man can be knocked down by a car and not hurt?—Yes.

How fast would a car be travelling for that to be possible?—About 15 miles per hour, if the man pushed himself off with his hands.

Judge's Questions

His Lordship: What did you mean when you said your companion remarked "It was the man's own fault," when you were on the wrong side of the road. Did you let that pass?—For the moment, I did not consider it.

You are not suggesting it was the man's own fault?—It appeared to me he had come out from between two pillars.

Why should he not have come out between two pillars? That was his own side of the road.—My mind was not clear at the moment so I just drove on.

Mr. Murphy: Would you not admit that whatever happened that night, was entirely your own fault?—Yes, I was to blame for the accident. I did not know then, but was informed in the hospital by Inspector Saunders.

You never felt anything except a headache and slight tiredness?—That was all, otherwise I was normal.

Bruce went on to say he behaved perfectly normal when examining the damage to his car. He said he realised what he was doing.

Mr. Murphy: You had no thought of going back to see if you had hurt this man?—I did not think I could have hurt him as badly as it turned out.

Not Thinking Clearly

You knew you had not hit the pillar, therefore the damage to the car must have been caused by the impact with the man? You realised that?—Yes.

Yet you had no thought of going back to see if he was seriously hurt?—It was my headache. I don't think I could have been thinking clearly. I did not think he would still be there.

You imagined he had walked away after bending your headlamp like that?—I did not consider the damage to the car was as extensive as it was.

Did you think he could have pushed himself sideways off the headlamp? Do you honestly believe that?—Yes.

You failed to straighten the headlamp?—Yes.

You knew the headlamp had hit a man then. Yet you thought the man had walked away?—I thought he had managed to push himself off.

I put it to you that after having, as you described, nearly hit a ricksha, you were unfit to drive?—No.

Bruce said he did not consider he was unfit to drive a car, but admitted he must have lost control in Hennessy Road. After his two "narrow shaves," it never occurred to him he was unfit to drive.

Mr. Murphy: I put it to you that you were driving recklessly without regard for anybody's life or limb?—No.

The trial is proceeding.

Japan Offers Armaments To Rumania

BUCHAREST, May 9 (Reuter).—It is understood that the Japanese Government has offered to deliver to the Rumanian Government certain armaments, especially anti-tank and anti-aircraft guns.

It appears that these weapons have proved their worth during the Sino-Japanese war.

It is believed that the offer will be accepted, but the contract is awaiting clarification by the Japanese Government with regard to the method of payment.

HOLIDAY STARTING TIMES

Sunday

OLD COURSE

9.16 J. A. D. Morrison, K. S. Morrison.
9.20 I. H. Geare, L. R. Andrewes.
9.24 A. B. Purves, F. A. Redmond.
9.28 T. Megarry, D. McDougall.
9.32 A. N. & G. A. Macladyen.
9.36 G. C. Worrall, I. W. Shewan.
9.40 D. Hamilton, G. T. Harrington.
9.44 S. H. Dodwell, Brig. McLeod.
9.48 J. B. Harrison, J. Linaker.
9.52 J. von Muhlen, J. G. Jensen.
9.56 J. T. Smith, W. A. Jones.
10.00 A. D. & D. Humphreys.
10.04 Wing Cdr. Steele Perkins, Col. Matthews.
10.08 L. M. Wylie, J. Redman.
10.12 E. H. Williams, L. H. C. Calthrop.
10.16 W. A. Mackinlay, Major Giles.
10.20 G. Thomerson, M. Pollock.
10.24 J. C. Brown, F. Buckle.
10.28 L. R. Cramer, B. O. Baldwin.
10.32 T. A. Pearce, A. K. Mackenzie.
10.36 F. W. Chandler, M. G. Carruthers.
10.40 W. N. A. Smalley, J. W. Mayhew.
10.44 A. T. Lay, E. Bathurst.
10.48 J. W. Clague, P. M. Cotton.
10.52 P. E. Annis, F. A. Howard.
10.56 Major Penfold, Capt. Bridge.
11.00 Lt. Col. Field, Major Proes.
11.04 Major Harvey, Surg. Cdr. Nicholson.
11.08 Lieut Jessiman, Capt. Thursby.
11.12 Lieut. Carter, M. S. Banner.

NEW COURSE

9.28 A. V. & Mrs. Greaves.
10.00 E. G. Price, Lt. Cdr. Murray.
10.24 Mrs. Steele Perkins, Mrs Selwyn-Clarke.
10.40 Mrs. Smalley, Mrs. Williams.
10.48 Col. Shackleton, Col. Way.
10.52 Major Mackenzie, Col. Newnham.

Monday

OLD COURSE

9.16 A. T. Lay, G. C. Worrall.
9.20 A. B. Purves, T. Megarry.
9.24 Capt. Thursby, R. K. Valentine.
9.28 A. C. I. Bowker, L. M. S. Lloyd.
9.32 I. H. Geare, K. S. Morrison.
9.36 Wing Cdr. Steele Perkins, J. W. Mayhew.
9.40 W. Hewitt, F. Groves.
9.44 R. G. Parker, G. T. Harrington.
9.48 R. C. Gairdner, J. Redman.
9.52 W. S. Hillier, H. Overy.
9.56 Brig. McLeod, Major Meek.
10.00 Rev. Richards, G. W. Reeve.
10.32 R. L. S. Webb, J. C. Brown.
10.36 Col. Shackleton, Major Mackenzie.
10.40 L. H. Chater, Rev. Ward.

NEW COURSE

9.20 E. W. Stout, M. G. Carruthers.
9.28 A. V. & Mrs. Greaves.
9.36 A. K. & Mrs. Mackenzie.
9.40 F. D. & Mrs. Hunter.
9.52 Mrs. Hillier, Mrs. Overy.
10.32 Mrs. Webb, Mrs. Rowell.

COLLISION NEAR TAIKOO

Pte. Purvis, Royal Scots, reports that while driving a military lorry in King's Road, near the Taikoo Sugar Refinery, yesterday, he collided with a car driven by Mr. Waller, of the Hongkong Tramways. The rear of the car was damaged.

H.K. PRIZE COURT MAY OPEN SOON

Over Twenty Writs Now Issued

Though no definite date has been fixed, the first open session of the Prize Court in Hongkong may soon be held. With the issue recently of writs concerning alien cargoes detained from the steamers Agamemmon, Pyrrhus, and Sarpedon, the number of writs issued has reached approximately 22, and the Court will soon sit to consider some of the cases involved.

Unless appearances are entered to any of the writs by parties interested in the goods seized the Court proceedings will be brief and formal. At present it seems likely that no appearances will be entered.

Rights To Be Considered

The Court will consider, not only rights concerning property in its possession, but rights concerning the proceeds from property already disposed of. This consists of goods of a perishable nature which would have been spoilt by storage, including a shipment of eggs for Manila.

The time of the Court's first sittings has been regulated by the necessity to wait at least six months after the appearance of the first writ, which was issued in November. Although the writs call for the filing of appearances within 30 days, a period of six months is actually allowed to elapse before the Court hearing to ensure all claims being respected.

STONES THROWN AT THREE YEAR-OLD-BOY

Chinese Gardeners Fined To-day

With a superficial wound on the forehead, Norman Curtis, aged 3, sat on the top of a witness bench in Mr. Himsworth's Court at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning dangling his legs and listening to a charge against two men Lau Wing, 20 and Chan Yue, 41, who were alleged to have assaulted the child by throwing stones at him.

Defendants denied the allegation.

Yip Yee, a baby amah, said that at 4:30 p.m., yesterday she and a number of children were in the garden of No. 3 Somerset Road. About half an hour later one of the children approached a garden wall and attempted to pick a flower. The gardeners, who were defendants, were next door and shouted out "stealing," and the child ran back to his original place.

Lau, continued the amah, was holding a bamboo pole and he said: "If you come I will hit you." The children including, Norman Curtis, ran away from the wall and witness said she saw Chan throw a stone which struck Norman on the forehead.

Theresa Lee of 3 Somerset Road said she saw both defendants throwing stones at the children. Chan threw the biggest one, but this did not strike anybody.

Accuses Children

Chan said: The small boys used to throw stones into my garden breaking many flower pots. I threw no stones at them. These kids even used to throw night soil into the garden."

Both defendants were convicted.

Inspector Rogers who prosecuted and Mrs. Curtis, whose husband is away in Singapore, was rather concerned with the possibility that such an occurrence might happen again, or that defendants might get somebody else to do it. The child's wound might have been more serious than it was.

Continuing, the Inspector said that of the two defendants, Chan was the most aggressive. Mrs. A. Read was passing the road when she heard a child scream. She went into the garden and there the defendant resisted her and also struck her. However, Mrs. Read was not complaining of the assault, concluded Inspector Rogers.

Prison Warning

Mr. Himsworth told the defendants that if they had any complaints to make against their neighbours or their children they should not make it by throwing stones at them. Serious injuries might be caused to the children.

Both defendants were fined $5 each and also placed on a year's bond of $10 to be of good behaviour for that period.

"Any more reports about you, I will put you in prison," declared Mr. Himsworth as the case ended.

BULGARIA AND NEUTRALITY

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

ISTANBUL, May 9 (UP).—Sir Hugh Knatchbull-Hugessen, the British Ambassador, to-day told the press here that he is very satisfied with his visit to Bulgaria and that he believes in Bulgaria's neutrality.

Library, Supreme Court

AT LAST, THE FULL STORY OF THE EPIC NORWAY RETREAT

LONDON, May 9 (British Wireless).—A graphic descriptin of a succession of three actions in the Norwegian campaign enabling three British battalions fighting by day to withdraw during the short hours of darkness 103 miles over a single track railway down Gudbransdal and Romsdalen to the sea was given to-day in London by an officer of Major-General B. C. T. Paget's staff.

Holding a position at Kvam for 48 hours in the face of incessant air attacks to which they were unable to reply except by machine-gun, a battalion of the King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry successfully held up the German advance until ordered to withdraw.

A German column led by tanks and armoured cars made contact with British troops early on the morning of April 26, firing somewhat indiscriminately into houses on the roadside as they advanced.

Throughout the day, Nazi ski troops vainly endeavoured to work round the snow-covered hills to pierce the flanks of the British battalion.

Clever Rearguard Action

When darkness fell, the K.O.Y.L.I. withdrew with precision down the railway line to the little village of Otta, where a battalion of the Green Howards—together with one of the Yorkshire and Lancashire Regiment—had prepared a defensive position.

Here on April 28, severe fighting took place. Troops often engaged hand to hand.

Such was the effect of the British resistance, the Staff Officer said, that it was noticed that the Nazi troops after that day seemed unwilling to press home the attacks, and when the action was broken off that night, the British troops withdrew unmolested to trains concealed in a tunnel about three miles behind the front line.

Great tribute was paid by the Staff Officer to the efficiency and devotion to duty of Norwegian railway and telephone service operators who at great risk gave magnificent help to the British troops.

As the troops withdrew, demolition of the bridges proceeded according to plan, and in no case did a planned demolition fail "to be blown."

Halt at Dombass

The next halt was made at Dombaas, where because of the successful destruction of bridges, the troops obtained one day's much-needed rest, and it was not until April 30 that the enemy again made contact, having received machine-gun replacements by air.

During the afternoon, the K.O.Y.L.I. again fought splendidly and at 9 p.m. entrained at Dombaas station.

It was anticipated that this battalion would go directly to Andalsnes and there embark, but the train was derailed and the troops had to march 17 miles.

It says much for their morale, the Staff Officer said, that in spite of having fought hard for six hours on April 30, suffering a train wreck and then marching 17 miles they readily deployed again at 5.30 p.m. on May 1 and easily held the enemy until dark when they again entrained, Reaching Andalsnes, they embarked, being the last troops to leave Norway.

Tribute to Germans

The Staff Officer described the German troops as efficient and very well-trained.

The Staff Officer paid high praise to these British Territorials who held the enemy in spite of both air and artillery attack without means of replying.

The position of rations, the Staff Officer said, was satisfactory. Only the most advanced troops who must always rely upon such provisions as they have with them did not receive regular and adequate supplies.

He described the German claims relating to the capture of materials as "fantastic," adding that he did not think that there were such quantities taken into Norway.

British troops took out all they could carry and destroyed as much of what was left as they were able.

Spectacular Results

French Production Minister Lauded

LONDON, May 9 (British Wireless).—A tribute to the French Production Minister, M. Raoul Dautry, was paid in a speech at Cardiff by the British Supply Minister, Mr. Leslie Burgin.

Mr. Burgin said: "M. Dautry has achieved in France spectacular results in the enormous growth and expansion of his armaments production programme. He thinks in multiples, he works at a terrific pace and he has a great faculty of making friends. He is idolised by the workpeople and what is so important for a politician and a Production Minister, he is left alone by his colleagues.

"But he too has difficulties with machine tools, with raw materials and with skilled labour. Fortunately such is the collaboration between the two countries—officers of his Ministry are in my office in London and officers of my Ministry are in his office in Paris—that we frequently can come to one another's aid."

Can't Blame Britain

Swedish Paper And Norway Withdrawal

STOCKHOLM, May 9 (Reuter).—The "Social Demokraten," an organ of the Social Democratic Labour Party of Sweden, says that Sweden has no right to reproach Britain.

She was never asked to protect Norway and never undertook to do this until the Germans moved.

The Swedes, continues the paper, who have done nothing for their Norwegian brothers have no moral right to criticise Britain for the failure of her help.

Tribute To Democracy

The paper pays tribute to the British democracy which has allowed such a debate to be held in open session with the whole world listening.

There are weaknesses in such democracy, but democracy will be restored by its own strength.

One certain thing, says the paper, is that Britain will take the war far more earnestly now than before.

268 U-BOAT PRISONERS

LONDON, May 9 (British Wireless).—A further list of 41 U-boat prisoners of war now held in Britain is issued by the War Office.

There are now a total of 268 U-boat prisoners in Britain, comprising 30 officers and 238 other ranks.

Besides these, there are 20 German air force officers and 44 other ranks, who are prisoners of war in Britain.

LL. GEORGE TOLD OFF

Lively Verbal Duel In The Commons

LONDON, May 9 (Reuter).—The House of Commons has adjourned until May 21.

In the course of a number of subjects discussed before the adjournment, Mr. Beverley Baxter, the Conservative M.P., appealed to Mr. Lloyd George to be more helpful to the Administration and not so brilliantly mischievous. He blamed Mr. Lloyd George for the part he played in the complicated situation of the last few years.

Referring to Mr. Lloyd George's press writings, he said he gave the madman Hitler encouragement at every critical moment.

Please Reform, Appeal

Mr. Baxter was of the opinion that Mr. Lloyd George was too big a man to use the foreign press to disparage the Government and asked Mr. Lloyd George whether, even at his age, he would consider reforming.

Mr. Lloyd George, replying, defended his resort to journalism as an occupation.

Replying to other criticisms of Mr. Baxter, Mr. Lloyd George said it was because we did not carry out our undertakings to democratic governments in Germany that Hitler came to power.

Trade Talks Continue

Anglo-Italo-Soviet Relations

LONDON, May 9 (British Wireless).—Questions were asked in the House of Commons this afternoon concerning trade relations between Britain and Russia and between Britain and Italy.

The Foreign Under-Secretary said His Majesty's Government had under consideration a communication received on April 29 from the Soviet Government.

His Majesty's Government had now asked the Soviet Government to furnish them with further information so that they could judge whether the obligations undertaken by the Soviet Government would render it possible for that Government, at present, to conclude a trade agreement with the United Kingdom on the lines which H.M. Government had in mind.

Mr. R. A. Butler in another reply said discussions between representatives of the British and Italian Governments were continuing and that H.M. Government hoped they might lead to useful results.

Rounding-Up Tax-Evaders

Inquisitorial Methods By British Govt.

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, May 9 (UP).—Rumours that the Government is planning inquisitorial methods, including the examination of the books of banks, in order to detect British nationals who have not registered their foreign security holdings, were confirmed today by the publication of an order in council empowering the Treasury to take steps "for the purpose of securing compliance with or detecting the evasion of "regulations regarding British owned foreign securities."

The Financial Editor of the "Daily Telegraph" recently stated that the Government had learned that "very large amounts" of British funds invested in United States securities during the past few years, mainly for tax avoidance, have still not been reported to the authorities as required by the new Defence Regulations.

Military Mission To Moscow

BUCHAREST, May 9 (Reuter).—An important Yugo-Slavian military mission will shortly leave Belgrade for Moscow, according to messages from Belgrade published in the Rumanian press.

It is stated that General Maximovicl, one of the most prominent of the Yugo-Slavian military leaders, will head the mission.

Neither the Yugo-Slavian nor Soviet Legations in Bucharest have yet had any intimation of the passage of the mission through Rumania.

LETTERS

Answers To Correspondents

REGULAR READER: April 20 1869, fell on a Saturday. September 30, 1869 fell on a Monday. Whit Monday, 1930, fell on June 9.—*Ed.*

Disastrous Flights

Nazis Lose Planes Over Britain

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, May, 10 (UP).—Reconnaissance and mine-laying flights by German machines over England and Scotland proved disastrous for the invaders to-day, two machines being brought down.

A Dornier "fighting pencil" was brought down fourteen miles off a north-eastern Scottish coast town after attempting to reconnoitre inland.

Spitfires took to the air as soon as the Dornier was reported to be approaching and caught up with the invader after it had crossed the coast-line.

Pilot Drowned

The German made a desperate effort to escape, but was brought down within a few minutes.

One of the pilots jumped with his parachute as his machine was falling in flames and landed in the sea.

The British pilots signalled for a boat to put out to rescue the German, who had disengaged himself from the parachute.

Before the lifeboat could arrive, however, the German sank from view.

The early part of the encounter was witnessed by a large lunch-time crowd along the coast.

The second German machine, a Junkers-88, was brought down in the sea off the east coast of England.

Witnessed Dog-Fight

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, May 9 (UP).—People in the streets of a port in North Scotland to-day witnessed a dogfight between a British fighter and a German plane.

They saw the British plane chasing the German and heard bursts of machinegun fire from both.

The planes disappeared from view after a few minutes.

WESTERN FRONT

Infantry In Action

PARIS, May 9 (Reuter).—An official communique issued today states that during last night infantry actions took place on a large front. The enemy were repulsed everywhere.

During the day there was activity of both artilleries to the West of the Vosges and in the region of Wissembourg.

Nazis Taken Prisoners

Four occupants of a German reconnaissance bomber which made a forced landing at a village in central France were held prisoner by farm labourers until taken into custody by the military authorities.

Strengthening Maginot Line

PARIS, May 9 (Reuter).—The work of deepening and strengthening the Maginot Line has continued uninterrupted since the war broke out.

To date French engineers have built 1,200 extra reinforced concrete blockhouses and have used nearly 1,000,000 tons of materials.

Silver Buying To Be Stopped

U.S. Senate Approves New Legislation

WASHINGTON, May 9 (Reuter).—The Senate to-night passed by 45 votes to 36 legislation to end the Administration's seven-year - old policy of buying foreign silver.

Earlier the Senate had rejected the proposal by Senator Key Pittman to continue purchases but to require sellers to use the proceeds from the silver sales for buying United States farm products.

The Bill, which now goes to the House of Representatives, would terminate the authority for silver purchases granted to the President and Treasury under the Silver Purchase Act of 1934.

WRIT AGAINST SWEDISH SHIP

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

PORTLAND, Ore. May 9 (UP).—The British importing and exporting firm Balfour, Guthrie & Company have filed a claim for $1,000 against the Swedish motorship Dagmar.

They claim that 60,000 bags of sugar were spoiled as the result of the infiltration of kerosene when the ship was en route from Manila.

THREAT TO FANCHENG

Japanese Making Swift Advance

CHUNGKING, May 10 (Reuter).—Japanese vanguards are approximately 20 miles from Fancheng, according to latest Chinese field dispatches received here from the northern Hupeh front.

A Japanese column pushing northward from Chungtalang along the east bank of the Han River is said to have reached Huanglungkung, a village east of Fancheng and south of the main highway between Tsaoyang and Fancheng.

The Japanese are apparently trying to cut the highway east of Fancheng in the vicinity of Shuankoucheng and effecting junction with the Japanese forces pushing westward along the Tsaoyang highway.

General Offensive

Another Japanese column from Suihsien is reported to have reached a point south-west of Tsaoyang while a third column advancing along the highway is at present engaging the Chinese in the vicinity of Tanghsiencheng, east of Tsaoyang.

The Japanese column from the Peiping-Hankow Railway which occupied Miyang has now passed Tangho and is pushing northward along the highway towards Nanyang.

A Japanese column from Sinyang, it is added, is still engaged by the Chinese in the vicinity of Tungpeh and is making little headway in its westward drive.

England Will Be Ruthless

Foreign Comment On Commons Debate

LONDON, May 9 (Reuter).—The "Gothenburg Goteborsposten" says: **"England's extraordinary power is seldom oppressive and often Stabilising and peace-producing.**

"But when the Empire is at stake, Englishmen can show ruthlessness more than anyone else. We now must be prepared for a ruthless England."

The Stockholm "Tidnungen" says: "The British follow a fine old tradition. They cast off the camouflage of a critical situation and speak out as though the enemy and the world are not listening to every word. They do not attempt to paint a favourable picture, but ruthlessly emphasise the situation's gravity, and much of the criticism concerns the Cabinet's efforts to represent matters in a better light than were justified. There was no tone of defeatism in the chorus of dissatisfaction, although recent events were recognised as defeat."

Proud Traditions Maintained

The "Dagens Nyheter" says: "The English House of Commons maintains the proudest traditions of debate on the affairs of a State in a very serious situation with an energy and unrestraint sharply contrasting with the hush-hush campaign carried on by the government of smaller democracies. The Government considers the danger of silencing criticism and ignoring the people's representatives still greater. The result is confrontation of the governors and the governed, from which the country proceeds with greater determination and continues to fight at all costs."

U.S. Press Comment

NEW YORK, May 9 (Reuter).—The New York press comments favourably on the fact that it is possible to air complaints in Parliament so freely and to hold the Ministers to account so directly.

The "New York Times" says that notice has been served on Mr. Chamberlain and his colleagues. The paper says that they are on trial before their own people as well as those of France.

The Government has won an uneasy reprieve after the most violent battering of its career.

The "Herald Tribune" does not see in Chamberlain one who has the personal vigour or driving ability to eradicate the weaknesses of the conduct of the war. It is imperative, says the paper, that those weaknesses should be eradicated.

The "New York Post" contrasts uncertain England with Germany moving on a fixed schedule preparing for the summer campaign.

The "New York Sun" points out that the Government must carry on the war with greater vigour.

U.S. Planes To Visit Dutch Island

COLON, May 9 (Reuter).—Great significance is attached in Panama to the forthcoming "courtesy visit" of two United States Army bomber planes from the Canal Zone to the Netherland's island of Aruba, which is off the Venezuelan coast.

There are many important oil refineries at Aruba.

The bombers will take off from Albrook aerodrome in the Canal Zone at dawn to-morrow.

It will be the first trip from the Canal to Aruba by United States Army planes.

The visit is considered important in view of the recent discussions on the possibility of action by the United States regarding the Dutch insular possessions in the event of Holland becoming involved in a European war.

Anti-Nazi Feelings Harden

Striking Report By Church Committee

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

EDINBURGH, May 10 (UP).—That British feeling—as expressed recently by Mr. Anthony Eden, Mr. Duff Cooper and others—is hardening against the German people is reflected in the Report of the Committee of the Church and Nation. The Report will be tabled at General Assembly of the Church of Scotland on May 21.

The Report states that it is becoming increasingly difficult to draw any real distinction between the rulers of Germany and the German people.

Solidly Behind Hitler

"While there are, without doubt, many in Germany who have no respect for the present regime, it is true to say that, as a whole, the people seem to be solidly behind Hitler in this war."

One of the post-war problems, the report continues, will be how to help to change the spirit of present-day Germany.

"The German people permitted their present rulers to reach power without effective protest or opposition.

"Hitler is not an isolated phenomenon. He is an exaggerated representative of the strain under which Germany labours.

"The German people must be regarded as being possessed by a spirit of evil."

Mail Fraud Is Alleged

Another Sensational U.S. Indictment

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

NEW YORK, May 9 (UP).—Mr. Howard C. Hopson, former President of the billion dollar Associated Gas & Electric Company, together with three associates, was to-day indicted for mail fraud conspiracy charges.

The Federal Grand Jury accused them of defrauding investors of over $20,000,000.

They will be arraigned on Tuesday next.

France Cleans-up Communists

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

PARIS, May 9 (UP).—The Prefect of Police announces that the clean-up of Communists in France since the outbreak of war has resulted in the arrest of 2,241 persons.

They include 21 Deputies, 13 Municipal and Department Councillors, 25 Mayors and suburban Councillors, 11 City Hall secretaries and 761 important Communist agitators.

In addition, the Police have suppressed 67 Communist newspapers, closed 202 Communist headquarters and dissolved 321 Communist-controlled Unions.

Inter-American Bank Scheme

WASHINGTON, May 9 (Reuter).—The establishment of an Inter-American Bank with a capital of $100,000,000 is now virtually assured.

The required minimum of six nations have filed notice that they will sign the draft convention to-morrow.

The nations concerned are the United States, Mexico, Columbia, Ecuador, Nicaragua and the Dominican Republic.

European Reported Missing

Captain Andre Kella aged 52 of 30 Mody Road, Kowloon was reported missing to the police last night.

When he left home shortly after dinner on Monday night, he told his niece, Miss Sheila Haines, that he was going to his ship. He has not been seen since.

Captain Kella is of medium build with fair hair and grey eyes. He was dressed in a dark tweed suit when he left his home.

NAZIS LOSE 4 SHIPS

Fresh Successes By British Submarines

LONDON, May 9 (Reuter).—An Admiralty communique announces that British submarines have had further success in their operations against enemy transports and supply ships.

In an attack on a convoy of ten enemy ships, six torpedoes found their mark. Three hits were made on another convoy and two on a third convoy.

One ship sailing independently was torpedoed and sunk.

Another was driven ashore and was destroyed by gunfire and torpedo.

BLACKOUTS IN PEIPING

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

PEIPING, May 9 (UP).—The Japanese military authorities have instituted blackouts in Peiping.

Air raid exercises, in which the populace must co-operate, are now in full swing.

Britain Buying U.S. Maize

WASHINGTON, May 9 (Reuter).—The Agricultural Department announces the sale of $20,000,000 bushels of maize to Britain under the new export subsidy programme.

The maize will be taken from Government-owned stocks, which total 86,000,000 bushels.

H.K. Stock Market

The following quotations were issued on the Hongkong Stock Market this morning.

BANKS	
H.K. Banks $	1,500 b.
H.K. Banks (Lon. Reg.) £	.02 n.
H.K. Banks (H.K. Reg.) £	.02 n.
Chartered £	9½ n.
Mercantile, A. & B. £	.31 n.
Mercantile, C. £	12⅝ n.
East Asia $	.75 n.
INSURANCES	
Canton $	.230 n.
Union $.....$	.485 n.
China Underwriters $	.85 cts. n.
H.K. Fire $	.175 s.
SHIPPING	
Douglases $	.120 n.
Steamboats $	.11 b.
Indo-Chinas P$	.100 n.
Indo-Chinas D.$	.80 n.
Shell (Bearers) s/-	.68/9 n.
Waterboats $ x.d.	.0.00 n.
DOCKS ETC.	
Wharves $	.100 n.
Docks $ (c. rts)	.21 b.
Docks (x. rts.)	19¼ n.
Docks (rts.) $	.6½ sa.
Providents $	.4.20 s.
Sh. Docks Sh. $	.70 n.
MINING	
Kailan s/-	.20/4½ n.
Raubs $	.9.70 b.
H.K. Mines	.0cts. n.
LANDS	
Hotels $	.4.35 sa.
Lands $	.37 s.
Lands 4% Debentures	.100 n.
S'hai Lands Sh. $	.16½ n.
Humphreys $	.8 n.
H.K. Realties $	.4½ n.
Chinese Estates $	.103½ sa.
UTILITIES	
Trams $	.17.40 sa.
Peak Trams (old) $	.8 n.
Peak Trams (new) $	.4 n.
Star Ferries $	.64 sa.
Y. Ferries $ x. d.	.22.85 n.
China Lights (old) $	.7.90 n.
China Lights (new) $	.4.90 n.
H.K. Electric $	.64½ s.
Macao Electrics $	.21.10 n.
Sandakan Lights $	.11¾ n.
Telephones (old) $	.28 sa.
Telephones (new) $	.10.20 sa.
INDUSTRIALS	
Cald: Macg. (Ord.), Sh. $	.14.90 n.
Cald: Macg. (Pref.), Sh. $	.12 n.
Canton Ices $	.1 n.
Cements $	.17. n.
H.K. Ropes $$	.5.55 n.
STORES, &c.	
Dairy Farms $	.21½ n.
Watsons $	.9.15 n.
Lane Crawfords $	.8¼ n.
Sinceres $	.2.60 n.
Wing On (H.K.) $	.30 n.
Powell Ltd., $	.1.30 b.
COTTON MILLS	
Ewo Sh. $	.77½ n.
S'hai Cotton Sh. $	.230 n.
MISC.	
H.K. Entertainments $	.7.30 b.
Constructions (old) $	.1¾ n.
Constructions (new) $	.1 n.
Vibro Piling $	.8 n.
Ch. Govt 5% 1925 G.$Bds. 52%	n.
H.K. Govt. 4% Loan	.103 n.
H.K. Govt. 3½% Loan	.97 n.
Marsmans (Lon.) s/-	.13/- n.
Marsmans Inv. (H.K.) s/-	.4/- n.

Full Story Of Epic Air Combat

MAGNIFICENT R.A.F. WORK AGAINST ODDS

LONDON, May 9 (Reuter).—Further details of a one-sided air combat in Norway between a squadron of Gloster Gladiator planes from an aircraft carrier and a huge number of German have now been revealed.

Part of the story was told by Sir Samuel Hoare, the Air Minister, in the House of Commons on Wednesday.

Just before night, the squadron landed on a frozen lake south-east of Andalsnes. That night they saw two planes with Norwegian markings, but they must have been flown by Germans, for at 3 a.m. German bombers arrived.

A Heinkel was shot down.

Raided For 24 Hours

The base was kept busy with air raids from 7.30 a.m. to 8 p.m. All this time the British pilots were in the open.

Except for the runways, there was melting snow everywhere several feet deep. The pilots had to crawl about on their hands and knees, their clothes were wet and they were freezing.

Despite all these frequent raids they carried out 40 sorties and 37 of the enemy were engaged. Of the 16 Gladiators landed, only five were serviceable by night.

R.A.F. Take Toll

They had taken toll of the enemy, however, shooting down six for certain and probably eight more on the surrounding mountains.

The next day they carried out further reconnaissance attacks on the enemy. By evening only one plane remained useful.

When southern Norway was evacuated, there was no time to repair the planes. The ship on which the pilots embarked was bombed for six hours without interruption without success.

R.A.F. Lose 55 Planes

LONDON, May 9 (British Wireless).—Interesting figures relating to aerial activity in Norway are circulating in authoritative quarters where it is stated that R.A.F. losses comprised 55 aircraft out of over 1,000 employed in the operations which included 64 attacks on enemy bases—54 in Norway, nine in Denmark and one on Sylt.

German losses were considerably higher, the destruction of 163 aircraft being confirmed while it is probable that 40 more will never fly again.

Lack Of A.A. Guns Cause Of Failure In Norway

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

PARIS, May 9 (UP).—The lack of anti-aircraft guns in Norway is blamed by M. Koht, the Norwegian Foreign Minister, for the failure of the Allied and Norwegian forces to hold the German advance.

"We could have easily held the Germans if we had had sufficient A.A. guns to keep their planes away," he said.

"Do not believe that we are despairing over what has happened.

"The Norwegian Army is not quitting and will continue to fight every inch of the way.

"Our King and the Crown Prince never have had any idea of leaving the country. They are still in Norway and there they intend to remain.

Not a Setback

"It is a mistake to look on the tactical withdrawal from south Norway as a setback.

"The Allies are still in control at Narvik. French troops are predominant there now because they were the first to arrive.

"Allied strategy is not going to be tricked by Germany's attempts to force us to withdraw too many fighting troops from Europe, where the main battlefront will remain until victory.

"Of ultimate victory we have not the slightest doubt."

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BLITZKRIEG: FULL DETAILS

Anti-aircraft guns throughout the country are engaging German planes which are seeking to land.

SWARMS OF PLANES

Swarms of these Nazi transport planes, protected by Messerschmidt fighters have appeared simultaneously over a score of Dutch cities.

German seaplanes are landing in a constant procession on the River Maas and are placing ashore considerable bodies of troops which are being ferried on to Dutch territory by river boats.

4.15 a.m. (11.15 a.m. H.K.T.).—A squadron of foreign planes is circling the Denhelder Naval Base.

Six German seaplanes are circling over Ijumiden.

Fifty planes of unknown nationality are above Nijmegen.

FIERCE AERIAL DOG-FIGHTS

5 a.m. (Noon H.K.T.) Fierce dog-fights are in progress over Amsterdam. Dutch fighters are diving on the bombers. The latter are believed to be German.

5.10 a.m. (12.10 p.m. H.K.T.).—German planes are now bombing the Dutch airfield at Welschap, near Eindhoven.

Three German planes attempted to land in Zeeland, but were repelled or brought down by Dutch anti-aircraft fire.

PARACHUTE TROOPS LAND

5.30 a.m. (12.30 p.m. H.K.T.)—A later message says that about one hundred Nazi parachute troops landed near Doredrecht.

Earlier Reports

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

AMSTERDAM, May 10 (UP).—New and ominous developments are occurring in the Netherlands to-night. They coincide with a flood of fresh rumours which are impossible to verify.

The Government suddenly cut off all incoming telephone and telegraph communications and, without warning, the Army took control of all wires.

"United Press" was informed at 11 p.m. (6 a.m. H.K.T.) that the measure would become effective immediately.

No communications are now permitted except by cable service.

All locks in the Amsterdam canal area were closed at nightfall under orders from the authorities.

A.A. Guns In Action

The series of Government precautions culminated at 2.41 a.m. (9.41 a.m. H.K.T.) with dramatic action on the part of Amsterdam's anti-aircraft guns.

The roar of approaching airplanes was distinctly heard in the residential districts of southern Amsterdam.

Searchlights immediately criss-crossed the sky and A.A. guns opened fire from several points at 2.41 a.m.

Firing ceased five minutes later.

If Holland is Attacked

LONDON, May 10 (Reuter).—According to the Brussels correspondent of the "Daily Telegraph," the Foreign Affairs Committee of the Senate yesterday questioned M. Paul Spaak, the Belgian Foreign Minister, on the Belgian attitude in the event of a German attack on Holland.

It is understood that M. Spaak made it clear that an invasion of southern Holland which threatened to bring the mouth of the Scheldt under German control would impel immediate Belgian intervention.

If Germany merely seized the Frisian Islands without advancing across Holland's land frontier, however, Belgium would be faced with a more difficult position since the dispositions of the Belgian army are purely defensive and no arrangements are made for a Belgian expeditionary force to fight on Dutch soil.

Fosw Days Resistance

A rapid decision by the Allies to request the right of passage for troops across Belgium would be necessary if the Germans attacked Holland.

It is calculated in Brussels, says the correspondent, that Holland could not stand up many days unassisted in the face of a German invasion.

Though the past few days' crisis has momentarily slackened, Belgium has no illusion about the probability of a German attack through Holland some time this summer.

Situation Tense

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

AMSTERDAM, May 10 (Domei).—The situation along the Dutch-German border is regarded as tense and new precautions have been adopted by he Netherlands Government.

Troops Landed Everywhere

AMSTERDAM, 9.15 a.m. (3.15 p.m. H.K.T.—U.P.).—The Germans have landed parachute troops on Rozenburg Island, Leiden, Hoogez, Walwue, and Waalhaven.

The Nazis have bombed Schiphol twice this morning.

The Dutch are resisting to the limit of their strength.

A column of smoke was seen in the direction of Schiphol aerodrome, outside Amsterdam.

It is not known whether this was caused by bombs. However, planes believed to be German, were seen flying in an easterly direction.

Exchange At A Glance

SELLING	
T.T. London	1/2⅛
Demand ,,	1/2⅛
T.T. Shanghai	410
T.T. Singapore	62½
T.T. Japan	87½
T.T. India	82¾
T.T. U.S.A.	20½
T.T. Manila	41
T.T. Batavia	38¼
T.T. Bangkok	150
T.T. Saigon	108¾
T.T. France	10.85
T.T. Switzerland	91½
T.T. Australia	1/6⅜
BUYING	
4 m/s L/C London	1/3⅛
4 m/s D/P ,,	1/3¼
4 m/s L/C U.S.A.	21½
4 m/s France	11.40
30 d/s India	84
U.S. Cross rate in London	4.02½
U.S. Cross rate in N.Y.	3.35

POST OFFICE

GENERAL HOLIDAY

On Monday, the 13th May, the General Post Office and Kowloon Central Post Office will be open from 8.00 a.m. to 10.00 a.m. Sheungwan Branch Post Office will be open from 8 a.m. to 9.00 a.m. and the other Branch Post Offices will be entirely closed.

There will be one collection from the pillar boxes as on Sundays and one delivery of registered and ordinary correspondence at 10 a.m.

The Branch Post Offices at Stanley, Tai Po and Un Long will also have one delivery of ordinary correspondence at 11.00 a.m.

The Money Order Office will be entirely closed.

INWARD MAILS

Shanghai May 10.
Canton May 11.
Japan and Shanghai May 11.
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service" London date, 4th May May 12.
Calcutta, Straits and Saigon May 12.
Haiphong May 12.
Shanghai May 12.
Haiphong May 13.
Shanghai May 13.

OUTWARD MAILS

Friday, May 10

Bangkok 7 p.m.
Tourane and Bangkok 7.00 p.m.

Saturday, May 11

Fort Bayard 11.00 a.m.
Saigon, Ceylon, India, East and South Africa, Egypt and Europe Via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 7th June.

G.P.O. and K.P.O.

Reg. May 11, 11.15 a.m.
Ord. May 11, Noon.
Straits Noon.
Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, U.S.A., Central and South America and Canada via San Francisco (No Parcels for Canada only)—due San Francisco, 29th May.

G.P.O. and K.P.O.

Parcels May 11, Noon.
Reg. May 11, 1.15 p.m.
Ord. May 11, 2 p.m.
Air Mail for "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due London 19th May.

G.P.O. & K.P.O.

Reg. May 11, 5 p.m.
Ord. May 11, 5.30 p.m.
Shanghai and Japan 5.30 p.m.

Sunday, May 12

Canton 7.15 a.m.
Shanghai 9 a.m.

Monday, May 13

Haiphong 10 a.m.
Canton 5.00 p.m.

Tuesday, May 14

Shanghai and Parcels only for Tientsin 2.30 p.m.

NAZIS RETREAT FROM NARVIK

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a paying proposition for reinforcements to be flown to Narvik and the Germans there can look for no further aid.

The Germans have about 100 planes operating in the Narvik area. They are based behind the Bosfjord and Rombak heights.

Intense Air Activity

With perpetual daylight in this Arctic region, the activity of the German machines is intense.

All roads have been bombed and machine-gunned, and the Allied troops can only move in small units, all of which are clad in white camouflage uniforms.

But the Allies are reported to have completed new airfields in this region, and speedy Spitfires have already begun a successful drive against the more cumbersome German machines.

Rings of anti-aircraft guns now protect all points of debarkation, to which a constant stream of Allied reinforcements and supplies, is now flowing.

Nazis May Quit Narvik

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

GOTHENBURG, May 9 (UP).—The newspaper "Svenska Dagbladet" states that German parachute troops have landed at Bardu, 30 miles north of Narvik, where they were reinforced by German planes taking supplies to Narvik.

The paper also reports that Norwegian police and French Alpine troops have contacted the Germans in minor engagements, and that a major clash is now imminent.

British naval units and bombing planes are still attacking the German positions near Narvik but the general situation remains unchanged.

The "Ririksgraensen" reports that Norwegian troops on Wednesday surprised Germans who were mining railway tunnels south of Bjoernfjuell, on the Swedish border.

Nazis To Clear Out?

AMSTERDAM, May 9 (Reuter).—The German High Command contemplates abandoning Narvik to the Allies, according to the "Algemeen Handelsblads" Berlin correspondent.

This correspondent declares that very well-informed circles in Berlin no longer regard Narvik as a centre of strategic importance.

The High Command is believed to hold the view that Narvik will only remain of value as long as the Allies continue to station ships there which can be attacked by the German air force.

Withdrawal Being Considered

AMSTERDAM, May 9 (Reuter).—The possibility of Hitler considering withdrawal from Norway to a large extent is being discussed here as the result of reports from Berlin.

From the German point of view, it is pointed out, such a move would have advantages as a propaganda move and as a means of saving men and material for other purposes.

It seems hardly possible that the Germans would surrender their air bases in Norway, but it is suggested that they might seek to make some gesture of withdrawal from other points.

There are two indications that some such approach to the Norwegian people may be planned. One is the report that the Germans contemplate abandoning Narvik. The other is an order issued to-day to the German troops in Norway praising Norwegian soldiers, which commentators here compare to the German attempt at the beginning of the war to differentiate between British and French soldiers.

Norwegians Still Fighting

PARIS, May 9 (Reuter).—Professor Koht, the Norwegian Foreign Minister, informed the Press in Paris this afternoon that the Norwegian High Command would in future be represented on the Allied Supreme War Council.

Professor Koht stated that of the Norwegian army which originally consisted of six divisions, one division and part of another were intact in north Norway or making their way northwards.

Many of the remainder had been killed, taken prisoner or interned in Sweden.

Denying rumours that King Haakon had gone to Sweden, he said the King was on Norwegian soil, where he would remain and fight.

GOVT. IS DOOMED

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testants for the Premiership appear to be Lord Halifax and Mr. Churchill.

Churchill Favoured

It is believed that the Labour Opposition would agree to join a War Ministry under Mr. Churchill. It is pointed out, however, that the sanction of the Labour Party Conference, which opens at Bournemouth on Monday, must be obtained before Labour Members can join a Coalition Government.

The conference would be largely influenced by the decision of the Executive Committee.

The next 48 hours will be the most potential period.

Germans Warned

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BERLIN, May 9 (UP).—The "Hamburger Fremdenblatt" warns German readers that the impending resignation of Mr. Chamberlain will mean an "intensification of the British drive to spread the war."

"English mentality for the first eight months of war has been characterised by increasing eagerness."

LATE NEWS

INVASION OF U.K. THREAT

LONDON, May 10, (UP).—OFFICIAL QUARTERS BELIEVE THAT THE GERMAN INVASION OF THE LOWLANDS APPEARS TO BE DESIGNED TO PAVE THE WAY FOR A CAMPAIGN BY AIR AND SEA AGAINST THE BRITISH ISLES.

It will be recalled that Mr. Chamberlain warned against such an eventuality in his speech in the House of Commons on Wednesday.

German 'Safeguards' Their Neutrality

NEW YORK, May 10 (Reuter).—The National Broadcasting Company states that simultaneously with the German invasion of Holland, the German Government handed a memorandum to the Dutch and Belgian governments informing them that it had been proved that an Anglo-French attack against Germany was imminent.

The memorandum states: "The Allied attack will be carried out through Dutch and Belgian territory.

"The Reich Government has ordered German troops to safeguard the neutrality of these countries by all means."

Appeal Received

LONDON, May 10 (UP).—The British Government officially states that Belgum and Holland have asked for Allied aid.

Nazi Raiders Over Thames

LONDON, May 10 (UP).—Anti-aircraft guns became active at several points of the Thames Estuary when five planes believed to be Heinkel bombers were seen flying in an easterly direction.

Firing was particularly heavy after the raiders had passed over Essex.

The planes were fired on by the A.A. guns of Channel ships as well as shore batteries.

British fighters took to the air but it is believed they did not contact the invaders.

Very intensive firing has been heard from the direction of the French coast in the vicinity of Cap Grisnez.

Belgium Appeals To Allies

BRUSSELS, May 10 (Reuter).—"Our appeal for aid which we have sent to the Allies has been answered," declared the Belgian Premier to-day. "Both Britain and France are coming to our assistance immediately."

The Belgian Cabinet has been in session since mid-night, when they were warned that large concentrations of German troops had suddenly appeared on the frontier and appeared to be about to attack the Lowlands.

The Cabinet decided to appeal to the Allies for help to resist the invaders.

BOMBS FALL ON BRUSSELS

LONDON, May 10 (Reuter).—It is reported from Brussels that German warplanes are heavily bombing the Brussels airport and vicinity. Many houses have been wrecked and there have been a number of casualties, including women and children.

Officially At War

NEW YORK, May 10 (Reuter).—An Amsterdam message states that the Netherlands is officially at war with Germany.

PLANES OVER ANTWERP

BRUSSELS, May 10 (Reuter).—A large number of German aeroplanes have flown over Antwerp since 4.30 a.m.

Belgian anti-aircraft guns are active.

NAZIS POUR INTO BELGIUM

BRUSSELS, May 10 (Reuter).—German forces which crossed the frontier shortly before dawn to-day are attempting to move rapidly across Belgium in an attempt to cut off communications between Belgium and France.

In addition to invading Belgium by mechanised units, German soldiers are pouring across the frontier in large numbers.

LUXEMBOURG INVADED

WASHINGTON, May 10 (UP).—Mr. Cudahy, the assistant Secretary of State, confirms that Luxembourg was invaded simultaneously by land and by air.

ALLIES TO AID

LONDON, May 10, (UP).—It is officially stated that Britain will aid Holland and Belgium.

Norwegian Tactics Repeated

AMSTERDAM, May 10 (UP).—Throughout Holland Dutch troops and civilians are on the alert against the landing of German parachute troops.

The Germans have landed, however, at Waalhaven, Rozenburg Island and Leiden and efforts are now being made to round them up.

German planes bombed Schiphol aerodrome outside Amsterdam.

The German tactics in the Lowlands appear to be identical with those successfully employed in Norway.

They are relying almost exclusively upon aerial conquest to give them the initial advantage.

Wearing Allied Uniforms

PARIS, May 10 (Reuter).—Hilversum-Radio (Holland) warns all Dutch people that many German parachutists are wearing Allied uniforms.

Hilversum also broadcast official statement 8.15 a.m. that French, British and Belgian planes are over Holland.

Announcer said: "These are our Allied forces, therefore we greet them enthusiastically."

U.S. WATCHES

WASHINGTON, May 10 (Reuter).—President Roosevelt is keeping a close watch on the situation. He is now holding a conference at the White House with his Secretary of State and Chiefs of the Army, Navy and Air Force.

President Roosevelt has ordered that Dutch, Belgian and Luxembourg credits be frozen.

British Assurance

LONDON, May 10 (UP).—The Iceland Foreign Office announces that the Icelandic Government has received an assurance that the British forces have been landed in order to assure security of Iceland against a German invasion.

They will be withdrawn at the conclusion of hostilities.

Nazis Seek To Take Amsterdam

LONDON, May 10 (Reuter).—According to an Amsterdam despatch all available Dutch forces are hurrying to the vicinity of Schipol aerodrome (Amsterdam), where German troops are trying to land from Nazi transport planes.

Roosevelt Informed

WASHINGTON, May 10 (UP).—President Roosevelt, who was notified by the State Department of the German invasion of the Lowlands, remained in his study throughout the night receiving diplomatic reports.

WASHINGTON WAS FORE-WARNED

WASHINGTON, May 10 (UP).—The State Department has been advised that Belgium, Holland, and Luxembourg are expecting to be invaded by Germany to-day.

Informed by Envoy

WASHINGTON, May 10 (Domei).—An urgent message received by President Roosevelt from Mr. Joseph Davies, U.S. Ambassador to Brussels, stated that the German invasion of Belgium and Holland by land was timed to begin at 12.30 a.m. (7.30 a.m. H.K.T.)

Hitler Releases War Prisoners

OSLO, May 10 (UP).—All Norwegian prisoners of war have been released on Hitler's orders.

5-YEAR-OLD BOY KILLED

A five-year-old Chinese boy named Lai Fuk was killed yesterday when he was buried beneath a bin containing a large quantity of rock sand at the Kowloon Tsai reservoir.

Lai and three other lads were playing near the reservoir when the bin collapsed and fell on them.

Lai was killed, but his companions were still alive when they were dug out, and they were sent to the Kowloon Hospital for treatment.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange Official Summary issued yesterday says:

The quiteness in the market remains undisturbed.

Buyers

H.K. Banks $1,485
Docks Cum Rts $21
Sinceres $2.30
Wm Powell $1.30
Entertainments $7.30

Sellers

H.K. Banks $1,500
Lands $37
Electrics $04½

Sales

Docks Rts $0½
Hotels $4.35/20
Trams $17.40
Star Ferries $04
Telephones (Old) $28
Telephones (New) $10.20
Chinese Estates $103½

Lieut. L. H. Kettle, who is reported among the casualties in H.M. submarine Tarpon, was formerly in

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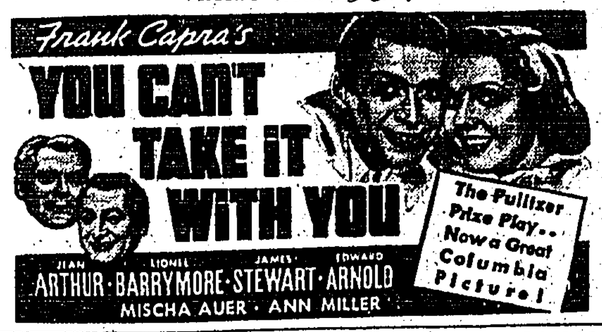
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STOCK EXCHANGE HAS GOOD DAY

LONDON, May 9 (Reuter).—On the Stock Exchange to-day, Kaffirs maintained a good disposition and movements again favoured holders.

In other directions a better sentiment prevailed after initial dullness. Gilt-edged securities met with renewed support, while the recent sagging of industrials was checked by some bear-covering.

Brazilians weakened but other foreign bonds were mainly steady.

Rubber holdings were helped by good dividend announcements.

Wall Street was firm.

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